

Keepin' On . . . With Don!

"By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

1 John 3:19-20
 Have you ever felt condemned? I don't mean because someone has judged you (or misjudged). I mean because for the umpteenth time, you've messed up again. You not only fell short of God's glory, you missed your own expectation by a wide margin! Maybe you said to yourself something like, "I can't believe you did that (or didn't do it)." Or maybe you really got down on yourself and thought "I am never going to change!"

John reminds us that God is greater than our hearts. Isn't that good news? In other words, those passing, changing thoughts that go through our minds do not get the final say on matters. God is still working on us and is ready to forgive and get us on to something better. Thankfully, God offers us the avenue of godly sorrow and repentance, followed by confession (see 2 Corinthians 7:10, and 1 John 1:9).

Sometimes it is easy to get discouraged and want to give up. That we must not do. We must learn how to trust in the mercy and grace of God, call on his forgiveness, get back up and keep on keepin' on. When we listen to our hearts, sometimes they are saying to us, "Guilty!" That is when we need to listen a little closer, listen for God. He says, "Guilty, but forgivable!" Think about that and keep on keepin' on. drh

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Morning Assembly September 24, 2017

Song Leader:	Denny Gearhart
Hymn 853:	When We All Get to Heaven
Keeping In Touch:	George Barnhart
Hymn 349:	Ten Thousand Angels
Hymn 366:	By Christ Redeemed
Lord's Supper:	Jim Murr
Offering Hymn 671:	Purer in Heart, O God
Hymn 862:	Savior, More Than Life to Me
Scripture Reading:	Matthew 5:1-12
Hymn 147:	I Stand Amazed
Sermon:	He's On Your Side!
Hymn 934:	Softly and Tenderly
Hymn 882:	No Tears in Heaven
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Smith
Song Leader:	Evening Worship – 5 o'clock
Opening Prayer:	Jerry Smith
Sermon:	Is the New Testament Credible History, Part 2 Don
Announcements:	John Habiger
Closing Prayer:	Tom Clinton
Communion:	Jerry Schroeder; Jerry Smith

For the Record September 17, 2017

Bible Classes	47
Morning Worship	81
Evening Worship	45
Wednesday Bible Study 9-13-17	54
Contribution	\$2,946
Special Contribution (total)	\$2,852
Weekly Budget	\$5,000