

Wylie Methodist Exists to: Love People

Wylie United Methodist Church

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[Matt 25:31-41, 46](#)

[Jesus said] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42-45... 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Loving people...

1. DOES NOT SAVE US

[Eph 2:8-9](#)

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

[Matthew 22:37-40](#) (Great Commandment)

37 Jesus [said]: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

[John 13:34-35](#)

[Jesus said] 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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2. PROVES OUR FAITH GENUINE

[Matt 25:41](#)

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

[Matt 25:46](#)

46 "Then they [the cursed] will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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3. DEMONSTRATES OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST

[Matt 25:40](#)

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

[John 21:15-17](#)

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me? ... Feed my sheep."