

**WEARING MASKS**

I must admit---I hate wearing a mask. They are uncomfortable, they make breathing difficult and are just a nuisance. I cannot count the times I have stepped out of my vehicle to enter a store and get almost to the door and realize that I forgotten my mask and had to go back and retrieve it.

There is also a lot of controversy about the effectiveness of wearing a mask. Some who do not wear a mask have not contracted Covid-19 and some have contracted it who have faithfully and consistently worn a mask at all times in in all places. Even medical doctors contradict one another about the use of masks.

There is another kind of mask wearing that is not good. The Bible uses the word “mask” one time in the NIV. Paul wrote: *We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.* ***5*** *You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed ------- God is our witness.* ( 1 Thess 2:4-5). Here Paul said that the wearing of a mask could be done as a cover.

We can cover up many things by “masking” them. We can cover up sin by pretending not to be guilty, or by making sin attractive. We can hide our short comings and our guilt by wearing a “mask” of innocence. We can “mask” wrong doing by calling it good. But we should not deceive ourselves. God unmasks us. He uncovers what ever wrong we try to hide. Let’s take off our masks and not use them as a cover.

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***Welcome to our services*  SUNDAY Worship……………………………………….……9:30 AM Bible Class…………………………………….…10:45 AM**

**MONDAY Bible Study……………………………………..…6:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY Bible Study………….…………………………..7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY W.I.N.G.S. (Women In God’s Service) Ladies’ Bible Class………………………..10:00 AM**

**TODAY’S SERMON**

***GOD IS INVOLVED***

