

1 Corinthians 13: 13 Three things will last forever – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love.

Bible Study: January 20,2019 <i>Seeing Black & White In A Gray World By: Bill T. Arnold</i>	Discussion Regarding Book Preface
Preface	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based this book as a response to Adam Hamilton's, "Seeing Gray In a World of Black and White" . Also – these 2 authors have different positions on UMC's Social Principal on human sexuality. 2. Mr. Arnold states that in this book," he will show that reasoning used in Mr. Hamilton's book is flawed on a number of levels, but especially in the tendency to make assertions as true statements that do not flow naturally from established premises." 3. Mr. Arnold states" that the current UMC approach is already a balanced and a health third-way alternative." 4. Mr. Arnold states that, "We affirm the sacred worth of all people, and welcome everyone into the loving arms of our Redeemer. At the same time, we invite all to enter into the fullness of life with God through a personal and social transformation into the image of Christ". 5. Mr. Arnold states that "This invitation extends to the highest ideals of human sexual expression, specifically a call to monogamous heterosexual love. This is indeed a third way between those who simply accept and celebrate same-sex practices on the one hand, and those who condemn both the practices and the people who experience same-sex attraction on the other". 6. Mr. Arnold states, " The UMC stands between these approaches and offers a better way, a third way. But this third way is achieved through discerning and teaching the black-and-white truths of Christian faith rather than trying to find gray isn't there.
Remember our last SS lesson by Dr. William J. Carter, Each One A Minister	<p>Page 55, "Without the development of new ministry areas, we lose touch with God. Many of the fast-growing independent churches seem more alive and vigorous than our down. One reason may be that they did not have a pattern to follow and went in the direction of what they perceived to be God's call. So they have new worship patterns, new songs, new types of organization, and new ministries. And they have a sense of God's immediate presence as thee source of it all. They think their motivation is not from Nashville or Anderson or Salt Lake City, but from God. So they tend to praise the Lord. Perhaps we can too.</p>
God's Anger at Sin	<p>Romans 1: verses 21 – 32.</p>
God's Kindness To Turn Us From Sin	<p>Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin.</p>
Do Not Judge Others	<p>Luke 6: 37: Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.</p>