



**CHRIST
CENTRAL
CHURCH**



GOOD MORNING!

Good morning church. This morning remember that God is who He says He is, a good Father who will not let anything separate us from His love. Remember this as you spend time with Him this morning.

WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST? SHALL TRIBULATION, OR DISTRESS, OR PERSECUTION, OR FAMINE, OR NAKEDNESS, OR DANGER, OR SWORD?...NO, IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US. (ROMANS 8:35-37)

Although we are not worshipping all together this morning, we each can worship Him personally. One of the great temptations of this season will be to neglect meeting with God by doing all kinds of other things. But just think for a moment: this era of the Coronavirus could be a real opportunity to grow in prayer, knowledge of the Word, and intimacy with God the Father. Don't waste this opportunity!

Wouldn't it be great to come out of this season knowing and trusting Him more? Wouldn't it be great to see God do a work of healing in our city (and beyond) because we were persistent in asking for it? Wouldn't it be great to see God awaken us and bring revival to our city, all because of our time with Him in this strange season?

In the midst of so much bad, don't neglect what is good. While surrounded by so much that's challenging, don't lose sight of these opportunities. This morning, whether you are by yourself or with family (or digitally with friends), use this time in prayer and the Word to help you be with Jesus.

We love you and are praying for you!

Scott, Chris, and John Mark



CALL TO WORSHIP

Near the beginning of every Christ Central worship service, there is a Call to Worship. The Call to Worship isn't a mini sermon or just a random use of words to get people excited. It's a reminder that God has invited us to worship Him.

Use this Call to Worship prayer to ask God to help you worship Him:

Father, as we come to you today, separated from our church family, help us as we struggle with feelings of isolation and free us from the lie that we are unloved. Remind us that we are sons and daughters, co-heirs with Christ. And this is true because you have adopted us into your family through the life, death, and resurrection of our brother, Jesus. Holy Spirit, help us to worship this morning knowing we are connected to our spiritual family as one body.

Read **Galatians 3:26-4:7** aloud and remember how in Jesus you've been adopted into God's family.

²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Read **Psalm 34** aloud and remember the goodness of God.

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. ³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! ⁹ Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! ¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. ²⁰ He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. ²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.



HISTORIC CONFESSION

Christians throughout history have written short statements that summarize the gospel and basic Christian beliefs in just a few sentences. One of these statements, written in A.D. 325 (to help a Church threatened by an anti-Trinitarian heresy), is called the Nicene Creed. Read this creed aloud, slowly, remembering who our God is and the good news of our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, Ruler of all, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all time; Light, from Light, true God from true God; begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father, through Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made a man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried, and rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; His kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who is worshiped and glorified together with the Father and Son, and Who spoke through the Prophets.

*And we believe that there is one holy, universal and apostolic church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.*



SCRIPTURE AND DISCUSSION

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

- 1) What instructions are given to Timothy in vs. 1-3?
- 2) Which of these instructions do you most need to hear today? Why?
- 3) In vs. 2, Paul describes four consecutive generations investing in the lives of others (Paul-Timothy-faithful men-others). Who is spiritually investing in your life and in whom are you personally investing?
- 4) Paul uses 3 overlapping metaphors—the soldier (v. 3-4), the athlete (v. 5), and the farmer (v. 6)—to explain what he means by “share in suffering.” What do these pictures teach us about following Jesus?
- 5) How do these three metaphors challenge you to follow Jesus more purposefully this week?

- 6) According to vs. 8, what is the gospel? How is this what you might expect, and how is it what you might not expect?
- 7) Paul says in vs. 9 that God's word is not bound. Does it ever feel like God's word is bound? How can you experience more of the power of the Word in you and in the world around you?
- 8) How are vs. 11-13 both encouraging and troubling?

Wrap Up:

- 9) What in this chapter encouraged you?
- 10) What in this chapter do you plan to apply to your life this week?



PRAYER

We believe in the power of prayer because we believe in the power of God. God in His wisdom has called His people to pray and when we pray in humility and expectation, God moves. Therefore, spend time praying this morning.

1) Thank God for these three realities:

- He is your Father. He has good intentions for you. He cares about everything in your life—small and large.
- He is here with you now.
- Your prayers really do make a difference.

2) Make a short list of people (including yourself) or circumstances where you desire to see God radically move. Pray through your prayer list.

3) Ask God to give you a deeper experience of His presence and His power in your life and ask Him to do the same in the life of our church.



B E N E D I C T I O N

End by reading aloud this benediction from **Ephesians 6:23-24**:

²³ Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.



STAY CONNECTED

This certainly is a unique moment in our world. But Jesus is still building His church and He is going to remain faithful to us in the midst of the uncertainty. This we know: that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6). So, for now, here's a couple of things you can do to stay connected:

- 1) If you're not already, please subscribe to our weekly email so that you can receive updates and information from Christ Central Church. If you'd like to be added to this list, email [Scott](#) or [Chris](#).
- 2) Follow us on Facebook ([@christcentralokc](#)), Instagram ([christcentralokc](#)), or visit our website ([christcentralokc.com](#)). We will do our best to post at these places to keep you informed of changes and happenings.
- 3) Practice hospitality. Now is a time to demonstrate the hospitality of God to those around us. Here are a couple of ways you can do this:
 - Check in on your neighbors—run errands for them if they can't get out.
 - Reach out to members of your Missional Community to see how you can meet needs and pray for one another.
- 4) Continue to give. You can give online at [christcentralokc.com](#). Physical giving can be sent to:

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**If you have any needs or begin to feel sick—please do not hesitate to call Scott at 405-229-9053 or Chris at 580-309-0883. We are committed to serving you, no matter what.*

We will keep you posted about plans for future Sunday gatherings. Thank you for your patience and understanding and let's continue to make much of Jesus!