

Way of Grace Worship

January 21st, 2024

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children... no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. [28] Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

-Matthew 11:25, 27b-30

- We are His, Precious in His Sight

O Worship the King

To the King of ages... be honor and glory... (I Timothy 1:17)
- Here We Stand
- Opening Prayer

With my voice I cry out to the LORD... (Psalm 142:1)
- One Truth: Psalm 119 on the Word of God

...devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture... (I Timothy 4:13)
- Thou My True Word

Be Thou My Vision

...Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened... (Ephesians 1:18)
- A Message from God's Word*

"Being a Snake-like Christian"

Preach the word... (II Timothy 4:2)

(Matthew 10:16)
- Through His Power

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

...transformed by the renewal of your mind... (Ro. 12:2)
- Departing Blessing

from Romans 16:25, 27

Now to him who is able to strengthen us according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ...to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

One Truth: Psalm 119 on the Word of God

(please read a verse out loud, and then pray/praise in light of it)

*How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your **word**. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your **commandments!** (vs. 9, 10)*

*In the way of your **testimonies** I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your **precepts** and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your **statutes**; I will not forget your **word**. (vs. 14-16)*

*This is my comfort in my affliction, that your **promise** gives me life... Your **statutes** have been my songs in the house of my sojourning. (vs. 50, 54)*

*Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your **word**. You are good and do good; teach me your **statutes**. (vs. 67, 68)*

*Forever, O LORD, your **word** is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations... (vs. 89, 90)*

*How sweet are your **words** to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your **precepts** I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your **word** is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (vs. 103–105)*

*Uphold me according to your **promise**, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope! Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for your **statutes** continually! (vs. 116, 117)*

*Your **testimonies** are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your **words** gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. (vs. 129, 130)*

*Keep steady my steps according to your **promise**, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your **precepts**. Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your **statutes**. (vs. 133–135)*

Weekly Budget Need: \$	Last Week's Offering:
Monthly Budget Need: \$	Remaining Monthly Need: n/a
Budget Goal YTD: \$	Actual Giving YTD: \$89,107
2024 Budget Need: \$	

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Life Group Discussion

1. In Matthew 10:16, why didn't Jesus simply say, “Be wise and blameless”? Why the animal similes/imagery?
2. How is this spiritual shrewdness inseparable from genuine faith and our gospel promises? (e.g., think eternity)
3. Pray in light of your discussion, for any pressing prayer requests, and in light of the *essentials* prayer below.

Essentials Prayer: Please pray that as we journey through *Our Bible Reading Plan* this year, we would discover much to both get and give away.

Looking forward: In what ways in this week's readings do we continue to see Jesus' contrast and conflict with the Jewish religious leaders?

@Home (for families)

This week, please view or download the Children's Lesson that is available on the website page for this morning's message!

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Our Gathering

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“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

-Matthew 10:16



SONGS of WORSHIP

O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King, all glorious above, And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end;
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

HERE WE STAND

Here we stand, the church of the redeemed, Ransomed by the blood that sets us free
From the darkness, brought into the light, Enemies of God now His delight
From the depths, called to highest heights, Here we stand, the church of the redeemed
We are His, precious in His sight, Here we stand, the church of the redeemed

Here we stand, contending for the faith, Standing for the truth in every age
We are weak, but Jesus, He is strong, In the Spirit's power we labor on
And we know victory will be won! Here we stand, contending for the faith
And we know truth will overcome, Here we stand, the church of the redeemed

Here we stand, but here we don't belong, Journeying toward our lasting home
Now we weep with weary saints who mourn, Telling all the world the hope of dawn
Christ will come, all will be restored! Here we stand, but here we don't belong
We will wait, ready for our Lord, Here we stand, the church of the redeemed

Every heart overflows with praise, When at last we stand before the throne
And with our King, evermore we'll reign, Here we stand, the church of the redeemed

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

(continued)

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou my inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly, In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father, Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me, as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

The logo for 'The ABCs of New Life' features the text 'THE ABCs of NEW LIFE' in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'NEW LIFE' in a larger, bolder font. The text is set against a dark background with a subtle circular pattern.

ADMIT you are guilty of living a me-centered life in a God-centered universe. “God, I believe you should be at the center of my life as the only One worthy of my undivided love and devotion. But I have foolishly tried to stand in your place. I know trusting in myself has led me away from both you and obedience to your loving commands. I accept I stand guilty before you.”

BELIEVE that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, and forever with God. “I thank you, O God, for making a way of grace through Jesus. I believe that, in love, He died on the cross in order to accept your verdict for my sin, I believe He also rose from the dead in order to give me fullness of life with you, now and forever.”

COMMIT yourself wholeheartedly to Jesus' loving leadership. “God, by your grace, I resolve to turn from that old way, embracing in faith the Lord Jesus. I want Him to rule my life so I can honor you in every way.”