



The Lord's Day | October 3, 2021
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Preparation

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:8-9

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

All: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Leader: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,

All: for those who fear him have no lack!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Adoration

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Hymn 295

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Confession of Sin

Psalm 32:5

All: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-2

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Hymn of Assurance

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
 O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore the rock of Christ? *Chorus*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ he lives, Christ he lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Chorus* twice

Baptism (11:00am)

Jacob Stone Langley, covenant child of Ken and Amy

Prayer for Offering

Doxology (with Alleluias)

Hymn 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer

Dan Prins

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. ¹⁴For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, ¹⁵who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

Sermon

“What Manner of Men?”

Mike Ross

Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Gloria Patri

Hymn 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen

Benediction

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Sermon Questions for October 3, 2021
Living in the Will of God - "What Manner of Men?"
I Thessalonians 2:1-16

1. For what reasons was Paul being criticized by the people in Thessalonica? Were these criticisms justifiable? How does Paul set a biblical example of answering criticisms?
2. What was the main reason Paul went to Thessalonica to preach the Gospel? (Hint: Acts 16:9-10)
3. In 1 Thess. 2:4 Paul states that he preaches "not as pleasing men but God." What does he mean by that? How is this a mark of a preacher's authenticity?
4. Do Paul's statements in 2:1-6 apply to modern ministers and their ordination? How so or not so?
5. Many are surprised that Paul would use a maternal (i.e., feminine) metaphor to describe an elder (pastor). But what is Paul attempting to illustrate in verses 7 – 9?
6. Was it arrogant for Paul to say he was "blameless" before the Thessalonians? What did he mean by that statement? Could a person make that claim about himself/herself now?
7. What did Martin Luther (and Mike Ross) mean by the statement, "The preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God."? Do you agree?
8. D. A. Carson said that "We (modern people) have hungered to be masters of the Word much more than we have hungered to be mastered by it." In what ways do you see this in the P.C.A., in Peace Church, or in your own life?
9. What limit is there to the freedom of your own conscience?
10. Do you agree with Mark Howell who wrote about God's Word, "It's one thing to recognize its divine authority, but it's another thing to acknowledge its sufficiency."? What practical results are there to the sufficiency of Scripture for you and me?
11. When you read Ezekiel 33:30-33, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? Discuss this with the others in your community group. Also...read Ezekiel 22:30

