

Crossway
Multinational
Church

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and believe in your heart that God raised him
from the dead, you will be saved.

ROMANS 10:9

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Our greeting time will begin shortly,
thank you for coming early!

January 10, 2021

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Welcome to
Crossway Multinational Church!

We **strive** to be a **church** that is
for, of and by
the peoples of many nations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for church e-mails
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY	10				14	15	16
	17				21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
FEBRUARY	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Prayer Gathering, 4:30PM

Perspectives Courses Begin

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GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”

- Feel free to use the chat function to greet others too

Waving poll: Give a big wave if...

- You have read, watched, or listened to a lot of news this week
- You have had some conversations that didn't go well
- You have had hard yet good conversations with people
- You are thankful to gather with God and His people today

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ROMANS 10:9

5

Holy, Holy, You are Holy

Heaven opened to Isaiah,
showing him God’s glorious throne.
Lord of might, high and exalted;
temple flowing with his robe.

Isaiah = Prophet who was in God’s presence
flowing = filled with
robe = symbol of God’s presence

6


Seraphim flew all around him,
humbled at the holy sight.
As they circled they were singing,
calling out with all their might.

Seraphim = angels

7

“Holy, holy, you are holy,”
every angel voice proclaims,
“All the earth reflects your glory,
every tongue sings out your praise!”


8



Seraphim continue singing,
cherubim still lift their praise.
 Earth and all its creatures worship,
 moon and stars are still amazed.

Seraphim & cherubim = angels

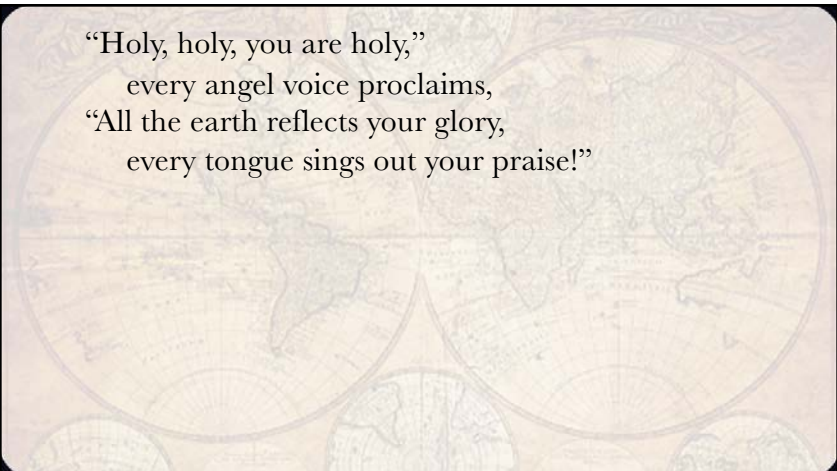
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Now above creation's chorus
 comes another fervent cry:
 all of earth's redeemed are singing,
 "Glory to the Lord on high!"

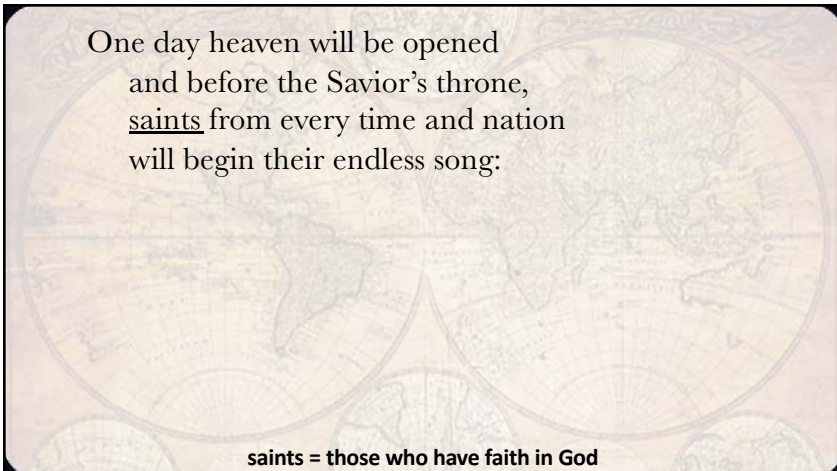
fervent = passionate
 redeemed = the people God rescued

10



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11



One day heaven will be opened
 and before the Savior's throne,
saints from every time and nation
 will begin their endless song:

saints = those who have faith in God

12

“To our God of all salvation,
to the high and holy Lamb,
to the blessed Holy Spirit
be forever praise. Amen!”

Lamb = Jesus Christ

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KOLOSE 1:15-20 | COLOSSIANS 1:15-20 Yoruba

Kristi ni àwòrán Ọlórún tí a kò le rí, àkóbí
gbogbo ẹdá.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the
firstborn over all creation.

image = likeness, representation

15

Nítorí nípa rẹ ní a dá ohun gbogbo: àwọn ohun
tí n bẹ ní ọrun àti ní ayé, ohun tí a rí àti èyí tí a
kò rí, wọn ìbá ẹ itẹ, tàbí agbára, tàbí àṣẹ, nípasẹ
rẹ ní a dá ohun gbogbo àti fún un.

For in him all things were created: things in
heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or
authorities; all things have been created through
him and for him.

thrones or powers or rulers or authorities = levels of authority and power

16

Ó ti wà şáájú kí ohunkóhun tó wà, nínú rẹ̀ ní a sì so ohun gbogbo papọ̀ şòkan.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

17

Òun ni orí fún ara, èyí tí í şe ịjọ; òun ni ịbẹ̀rẹ̀ àti àkọbí nínú àwọn òkú, pé nínú ohun gbogbo kí òun lè ní ipò tí ó ga jùlọ̀ nínú ohunkóhun.

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

supremacy = being better than all others

18

Nítòrí ịfẹ̀ Ọlórún ní pé kí gbogbo ẹ̀kúnrẹ̀rẹ̀ òun tìkára rẹ̀ lè máa gbé nínú rẹ̀.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

fullness dwell in him = God's entire self living as a human

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Àti nípasẹ̀ rẹ̀ láti bá ohun gbogbo làjà àwọn ǹnkan tí ń bẹ̀ láyẹ̀ àti èyí tí ń bẹ̀ ní ọ̀run, nípa mímú àlàáfíà wá nípasẹ̀ ẹ̀jẹ̀ rẹ̀, tí a ta sílẹ̀ lóri ịgì àgbélébùú.

and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

reconcile = make wrongs right and bring peace

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The Love of God Revealed in Christ

The love of God revealed in Christ,
the wonder of His sacrifice,
our King was raised upon the cross.
What a Savior! What a cost!
What a Savior! What a cost!

revealed = demonstrated
raised upon the cross = crucified

27

The perfect Lamb who sanctifies,
our sin was nailed with Him to die.
The old has gone, the new has come.
It is finished! Christ has won!
It is finished! Christ has won!

the perfect Lamb = Jesus Christ
sanctifies = purifies, makes holy
nailed with Him = taken away (we are forgiven in Him)
old = sin and shame
new = goodness and honor

28

Death defeated,
 You have conquered,
 Your great name we praise.
Crowned in glory,
Crowned in honor,
Risen from the grave.

Death defeated = we can live again after death
 conquered = ended the power of sin
 Crowned = given praise
 Risen from the grave = came to life after death

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The grave is empty, Christ is risen,
 our hope confirmed, salvation given.
 The day will come when all will see,
 Christ the Lord has set us free!
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risen = alive again after death
 salvation given = we have life forever with God

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Creation Awaits

I am alive, saved by your sacrifice.
 Death overcome, glory dispels the night.
 You call the lifeless to wake from death to life,
 out of darkness arise.

overcome = defeated
 dispels = makes disappear

33

I am set free, saved from the power of sin.
 Guilt overcome, your Spirit at work within.
 You break the chains of the law, I am released
 from the burden of sin.

overcome = defeated
 chains of the law = judgment for wrongdoing
 burden of sin = guilt and shame

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Now we cry, Father we are your children,
 we are adopted as your own.
 No condemnation, we are forgiven,
 nothing can take us from your love.

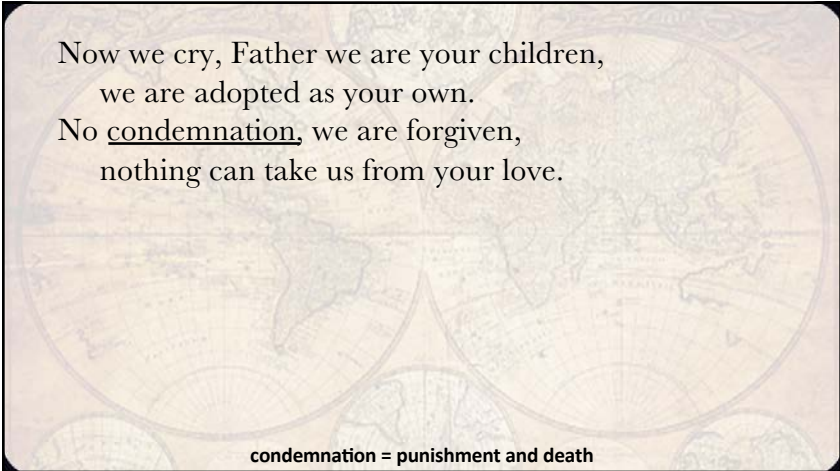
condemnation = punishment by death

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I am redeemed, raised with my saviour Christ.
 Fear overcome, I will be glorified.
 You will forever defend and stand beside.
 I am safe in your love

redeemed = rescued
 overcome = defeated

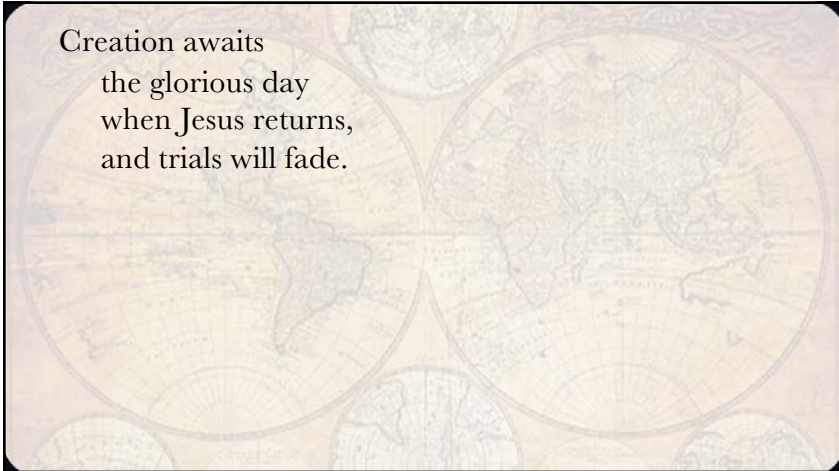
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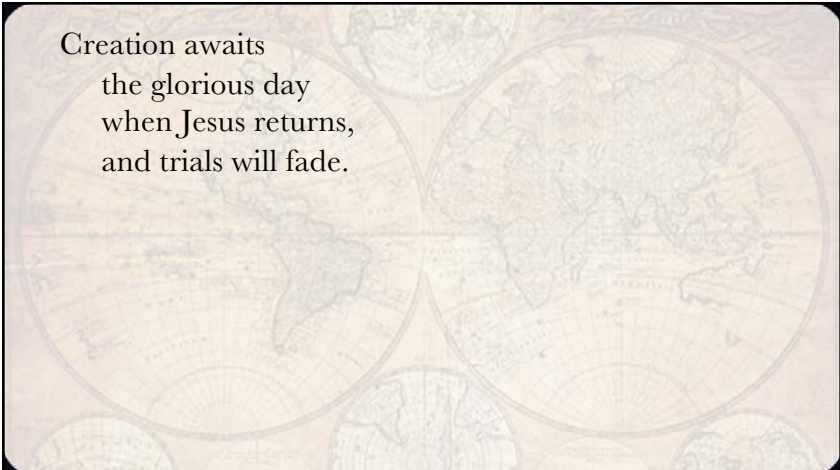
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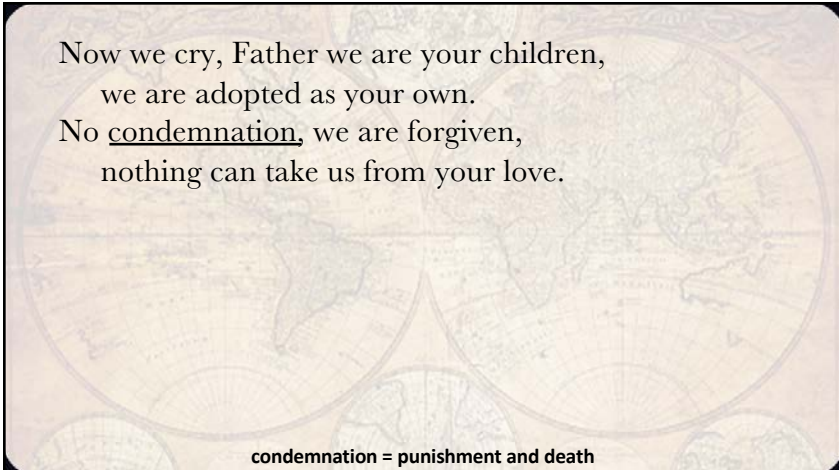
Creation awaits
the glorious day
when Jesus returns,
and trials will fade.

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Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts
 You traced the mountain peaks
 You paint the evening skies with wonders
 The earth, it is Your throne
 From desert to the sea
 All nature testifies Your splendor

traced = drew

testifies = serve as evidence of
splendor = magnificence

42

Praise the Lord
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 Sing His greatness
 All creation

43

Praise the Lord
 Raise your voice
 You heights and all you depths
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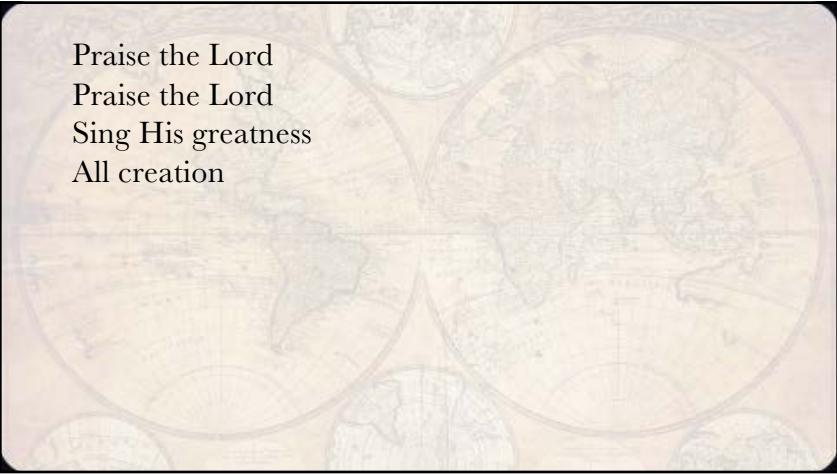
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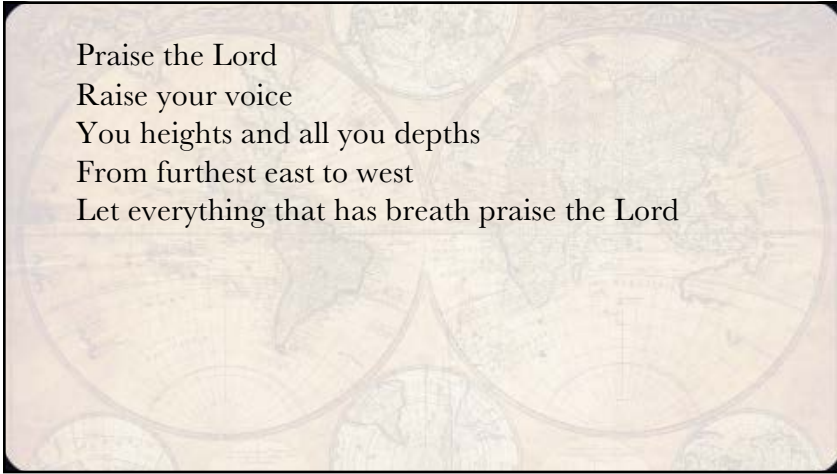
You reached into the dust
 In love, Your Spirit breathed
 You formed us in Your very likeness
 To know Your wondrous works
 To tell Your mighty deeds
 To join the everlasting chorus

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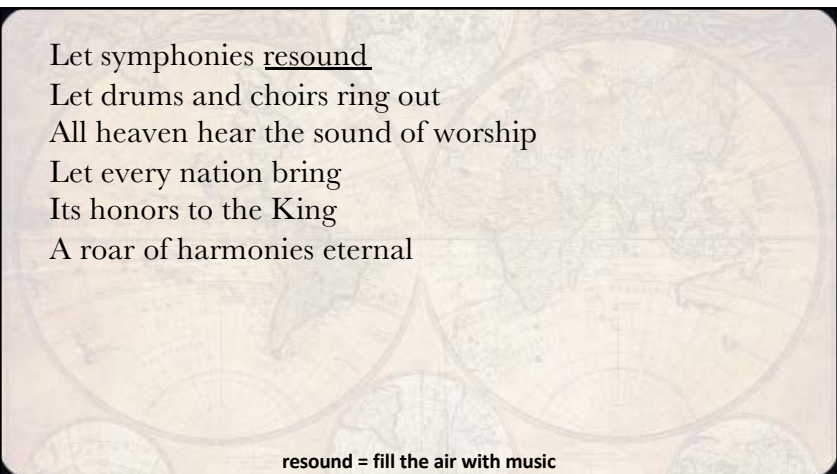
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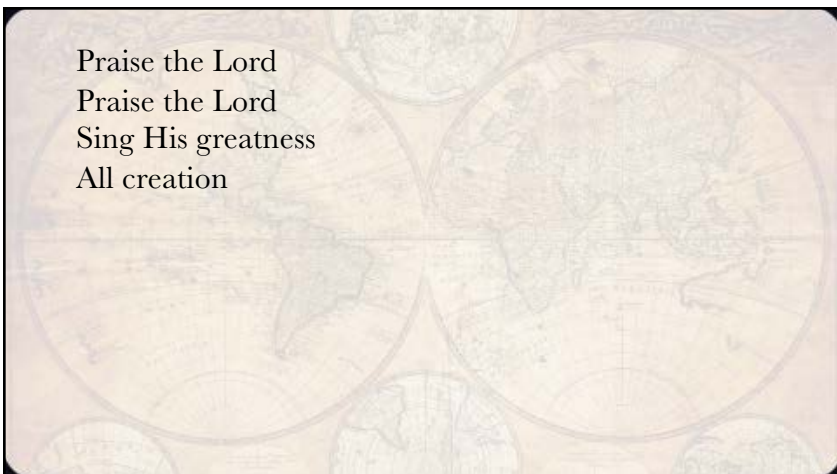
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Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

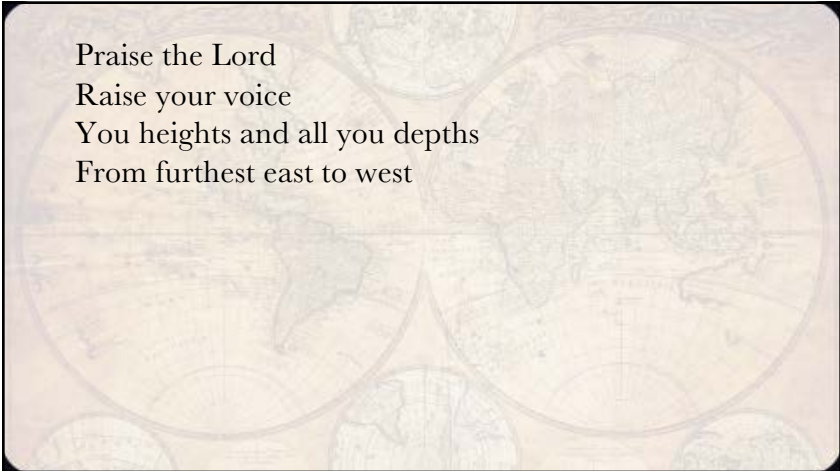
resound = fill the air with music

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All creation

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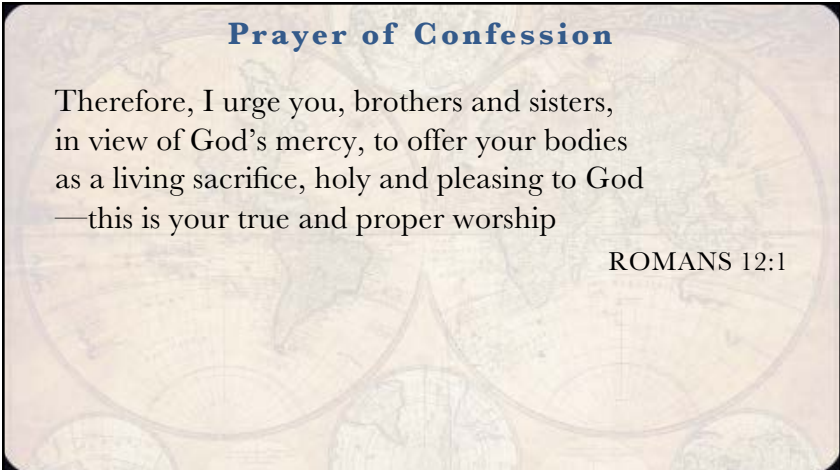


You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

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Prayer of Confession

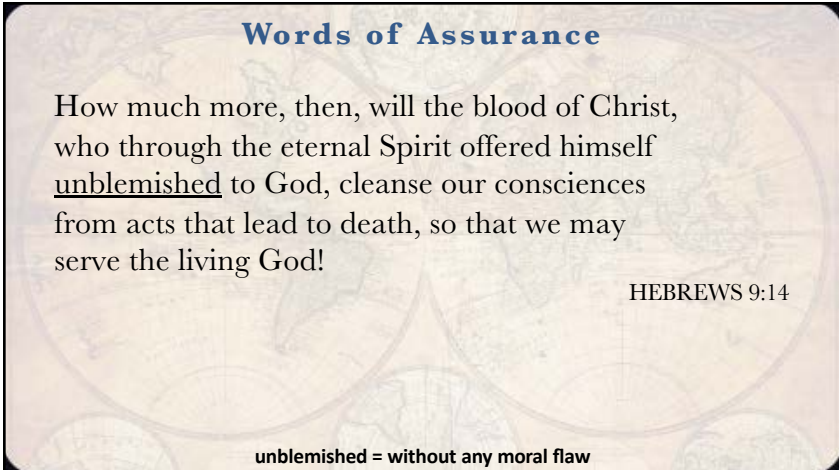


Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies
as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God
—this is your true and proper worship

ROMANS 12:1

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Words of Assurance



How much more, then, will the blood of Christ,
who through the eternal Spirit offered himself
unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences
from acts that lead to death, so that we may
serve the living God!

HEBREWS 9:14

unblemished = without any moral flaw

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Before the Throne of God Above

English

Ante el trono celestial

Before the throne of God above

*Ante el trono celestial*I have a strong and perfect plea,*Él intercede hoy por mí*

a great High Priest whose name is love,

*Gran Sacerdote es Jesús,*who ever lives and pleads for me.*Quien por siempre vivirá*

plea = urgent request for help

ever = constantly

pleads = prays with deep emotion

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My name is graven on His hands,*Y en Sus manos por Su amor,*

my name is written on His heart;

Mi nombre ya grabado está

I know that while in heaven He stands

*Y mientras en Su trono esté*no tongue can bid me to depart,*Nadie de Él me apartará*no tongue can bid me to depart.*Nadie de Él me apartará*

graven = cut or carved into a surface

bid = command

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When Satan tempts me to despair,*Cuando he caído en tentación*

and tells me of the guilt within,

Y al sentir condenación

upward I look and see Him there

*Al ver al cielo encontraré*who made an end of all my sin.*El inocente quien murió*

despair = lose hope

end of all my sin = no more power or bad effects of bad behavior

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Because the sinless Savior died,

*Y por su muerte el Salvador*my sinful soul is counted free;*Ya mi pecado perdonó*for God the Just is satisfied*Pues Dios, el Justo, aceptó*to look on Him and pardon me,*Su sacrificio hecho por mí*to look on Him and pardon me.*Su sacrificio hecho por mí*counted free = treated as innocent
satisfied = accept as sufficient payment
pardon = forgive

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Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
He aquí el Cordero Redentor
 my perfect, spotless righteousness;
Quién al morir resucitó
 the great unchangeable I AM,
El Inmutable gran Yo Soy
 the King of glory and of grace!
El Rey de gloria y majestad

risen Lamb = Jesus Christ, alive after death
 "I AM" = a name of God

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One with my Lord, I cannot die,
Unido a Él no moriré
 my soul is purchased with His blood:
pues con Su sangre me compró
 my life is hid with Christ on high,
Mi vida escondida está
 with Christ, my Savior and my God,
En Cristo Dios, mi Salvador
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purchased = rescued from sin and death
His blood = Jesus' death in my place
hid = protected

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

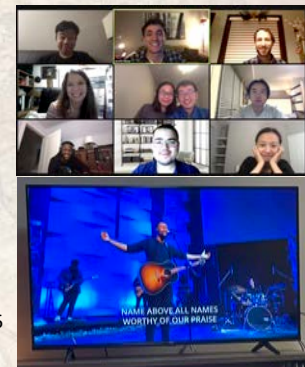
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 January 1-3, 2021

Topics:

- Cross Cultural Relationships
- Mental Health
- [3CG](#) – Third Culture to the Third Generation
- The intersection of Faith and Science

BIG PICTURE STATS

Over 700 students registered (+ staff over 1000)
 125 registrants from outside the US (80 students & 45
 co-laborers)
 86 countries represented



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Core Value 3: Diverse Unity

We deeply value our unity in Christ
in the midst of the richness of diversity
of His body and in our congregation.

We believe that what makes us the same as human beings (in particular, we are **all** made in the image of God yet are **all** spoiled by sin, so we are **all** in need of a savior, and Jesus Christ is the Savior for **all** who believe) is more fundamental than all of the differences between us.

Romans 2:1-4; Ephesians 4:4-6

Diversity provides many rich benefits to the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:27-30

At the same time, we recognize the complexity that diversity can bring.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

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Core Value 3: Diverse Unity

–We pursue unity in Christ

Ephesians 4:1-6

–We intentionally pursue diversity in Christ

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

–We endeavor to walk in humility

Philippians 2:1-4

–We value “healthy discomfort”

–We place each part of each difference under God,
pursuing the values expressed in His Word with great humility.

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Core Value 3: Diverse Unity

- These are hard days individually
- These are even harder days across differences!
- How are you doing? How are we doing?
- Being in loving relationships is essential!
 - Life Groups / Mentoring / Friendships
 - We want this for everyone...please be in touch
- Please keep reach out to each other, humbly, listening, and caring
 - Give lots of room for differing opinions and perspectives!
- Join in prayer today (4:30) and every day
- We are looking for other ways to foster rich interactions
- Reach out to Board members: **Jim Eddy, Marita de Leon, John Bonnell, Allan Greig, or me**

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What steals our joy?

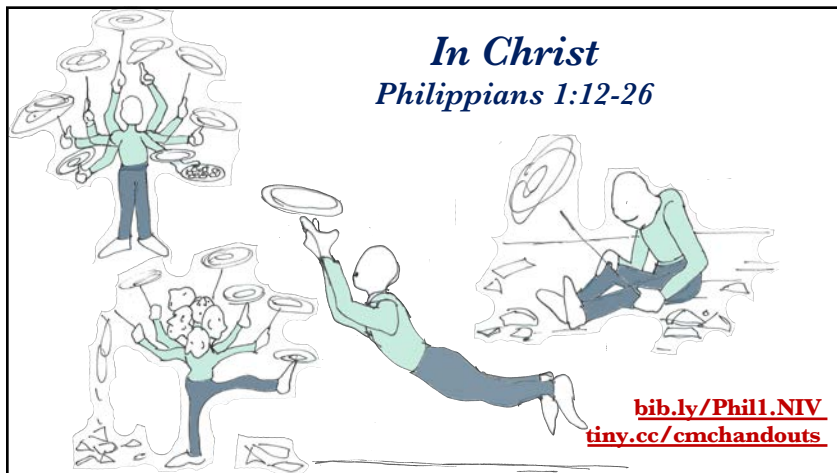
•What steals our joy? What steals your joy?

•“Rejoice in the Lord **always**. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Philippians 4:4

- Of course this **sometimes** makes sense
- But now?
- Why?
- How?

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Foundation: Jesus Christ is God the Son **who**

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and **the Lord Jesus Christ**” 1:2 **suffered to death for us**

“Christ Jesus... **being in very nature God**” 2:5-6

“At the name of Jesus **every knee [will] bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father” 2:10-11

Yet, Jesus “did not consider **equality with God** something to be used to his own advantage; rather, **he made himself nothing** by taking the very nature of a **servant**, being made in **human likeness**. And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!**” 2:6-8

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A brief history of Saul (Paul)

A life of great blessing

Born into a faithful Hebrew household

A Roman citizen by birth

Trained by Gamaliel, the premiere Pharisee of the day

He was “advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own people, so extremely zealous was I”

Authorized with troops from Jewish leadership to arrest Christians

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When he became a Christian, that changed!

Repeatedly attacked and beaten and left for dead

Arrested in Jerusalem on false charges

Held unjustly for 2 years

Transferred to Rome as a prisoner, including a shipwreck

Held 2 years under house arrest in Rome

- Able to stay in his own house that he rented

Perhaps moved to a stricter setting (“I am in chains...”)

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Likely then wrote this letter to the Philippian church

Paul started the church

Had a long good relationship with them

They supported Paul’s ministry with money and care and people

- Even when in prison (put them at risk)
- And who wants a suffering leader??

They were concerned about Paul in his years-long imprisonment

- And perhaps especially with him being “in chains”

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Philippians 1:12-14

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

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Philippians 1:15-18a

It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

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Philippians 1:18b-20

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

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Philippians 1:21-26

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

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Philippians 1:12-14

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to **advance the gospel**. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am **in chains for Christ**. And because of **my chains**, most of the brothers and sisters have become **confident** in the Lord and **dare all the more** to proclaim the gospel **without fear**.

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Philippians 1:12-26

12-14: The Gospel is flourishing while Paul is in chains

- Paul rejoiced in the “advance the Gospel”
 - Like: “Your Kingdom come, your will be done...”
 - More people know the Good News
 - More people see and experience it in action

1) All the palace guard and beyond know of Christ
They heard and saw the life-altering reality of the Gospel in action

15-18a: 2) Christians proclaim the Gospel more

18b-20: Confident, “dare all the more”, without fear

21-26:

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Philippians 1:12-26

12-14: The Gospel is flourishing while Paul is in chains

15-18a: **The Gospel is flourishing even when some mean harm**

- The challenges were real!
 - Unjust (& certainly harsh) imprisonment continues
 - **Christians** were intentionally doing harm to Paul!
 - “Self-serving Christianity” = hypocrisy!
 - Paul believed in the power of the Gospel that was greater even than the voices who proclaimed it
- Paul’s overriding concern:
 - **“in every way, Christ is preached”**

18b-20:
21-26:

- And this brought joy!

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Philippians 1:18b-20

Yes, and **I will continue to rejoice**, for I know that through your prayers and God’s provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my **deliverance**. I eagerly expect and hope that **I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage** so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

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Philippians 1:12-26

12-14: The Gospel is flourishing while Paul is in chains

15-18a: The Gospel is flourishing even when some mean harm

18b-20: **Paul rejoices in Christ, expecting sufficient courage**

- Repeated emphasis: Joy!
- Key concern: “have sufficient courage” to keep focusing on Christ in joy & not ashamed to testify
 - It took real courage!
- Through...
 - Their prayer
 - God’s provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ

21-26:

- Who was faithful through trial, suffering & death

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Philippians 1:12-26

12-14: The Gospel is flourishing while Paul is in chains
 15-18a: The Gospel is flourishing even when some mean harm
 18b-20: Paul rejoices in Christ, expecting sufficient courage
 21-26: ...whether in life or death

- To live is Christ
 - Fruitful ministry to benefit those he loves
 - Joy and strength from the Spirit
 - Christ is his reason for being (and doing...)
- To die is gain
 - Be directly with Christ
 - End of troubles

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The Big Idea

**To live joyfully and fully today
 is only found in Jesus Christ
 and even more so when trouble and death come**

"To live is Christ and to die is gain."

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*Application***Live life "in Jesus Christ"**

Paul's emphasis in Philippians: "in Christ"

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“In Christ” and “In the Lord”

God’s holy people <u>in Christ</u>	identity	1:1
...I am in chains <u>for Christ</u>	even in suffering	1:13
Your <u>boasting in Christ</u> will abound	bold confidence	1:26
...become <u>confident in the Lord</u> ...	confidence	1:14
<u>encouragement</u> ... <u>in Christ</u>	courage	2:1
have the same mindset <u>as Christ Jesus</u>	humility	2:5
I <u>hope in the Lord Jesus</u> to send...	hope	2:19
I am <u>confident in the Lord</u> ...	confidence	2:24
Welcome him <u>in the Lord</u> ...	generosity	2:29

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“In Christ” and “In the Lord”

<u>Rejoice in the Lord</u> ...	joy	3:1
...who <u>boast in Christ Jesus</u>	confidence	3:3
...called me heavenward <u>in Christ Jesus</u>	future	3:14
Stand firm <u>in the Lord</u> ...	endurance	4:1
Be of the same mind <u>in the Lord</u>	unity	4:2
<u>Rejoice in the Lord</u> always	joy	4:4
...will guard you hearts and minds <u>in Christ Jesus</u>	peace	4:7
I <u>rejoiced greatly in the Lord</u>	joy	4:10
...riches of his <u>glory in Christ Jesus</u>	abundance	4:19
Greet all God’s people <u>in Christ Jesus</u>	fellowship	4:21

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*Application***Live life “in Jesus Christ”**

Because: Jesus Christ is God, He is life,
He is the beginning and end, He is our peace
Christ is our reason for being

- For us as individuals
- For our church

This week brought many painful emotions for each of us

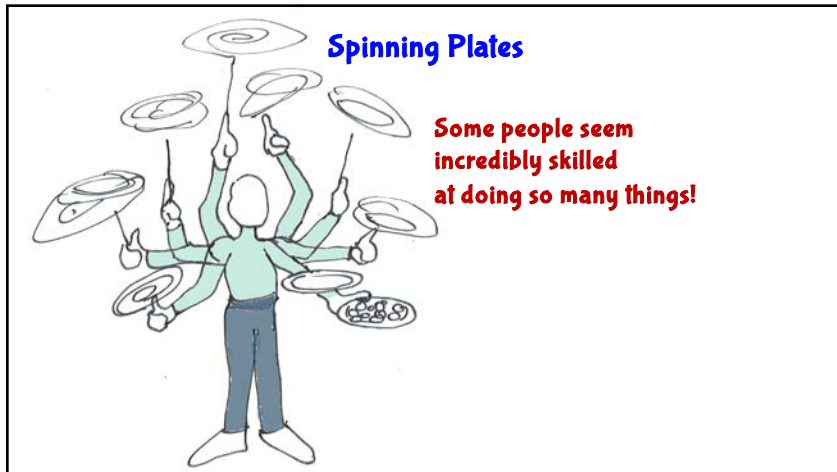
- Anger / Sadness / Fear / Judgment / and more...
- In our diverse church, we have a WIDE range of responses
- We must continue caring for each other in our pain
- Christ is our reason for being, not our politics!

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Spinning Plates

**Splitting our attention over many things
that keep needing our attention
without making a mess of any of them**

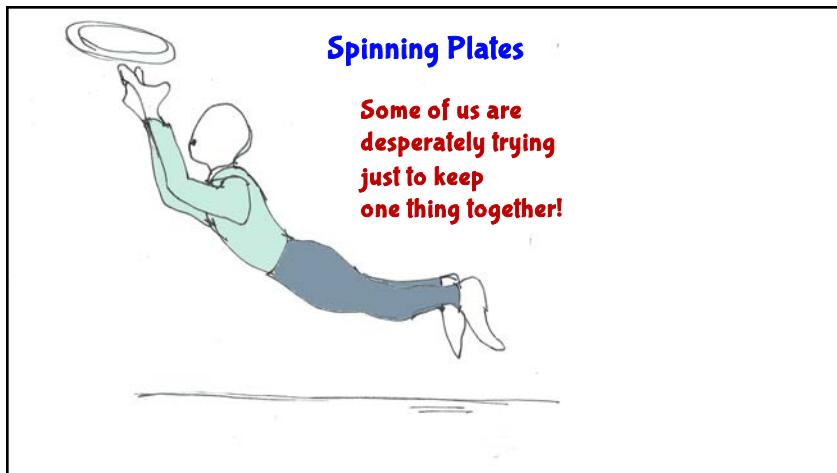
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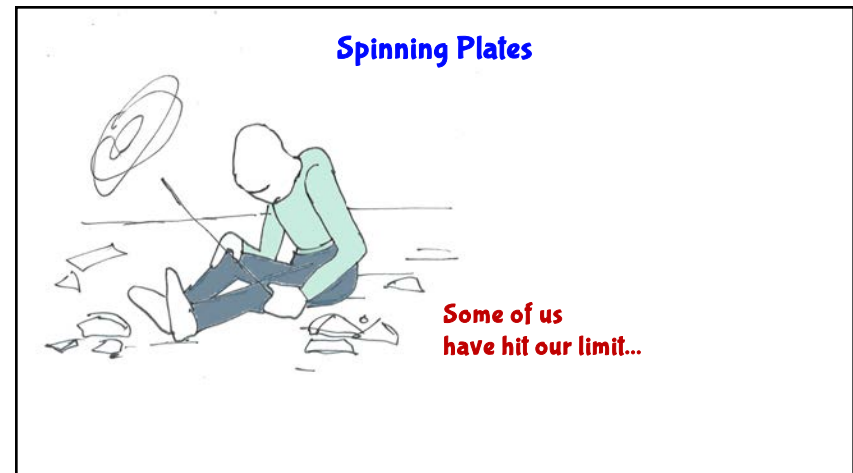
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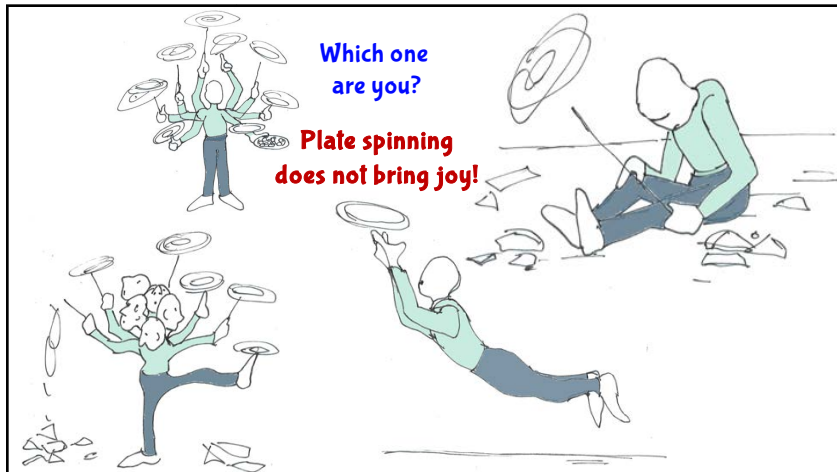
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Application

Live life “in Jesus Christ”

If you have Jesus Christ, you have everything in **His** hands!

- He is the head who oversees everything else
- He is before everything else
 - My “tribe”: ethnicity, political party, social grouping, family, ...
 - Justice: personal or societal
 - Country
 - My rights and freedoms
- He brings peace to everything else
 - My identity, my pains, my regrets, my griefs

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Application

Live life “in Jesus Christ”

While I am not threatened with prison, there are days when I have little eager expectation...

- This is what I imagine a good church plant

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Application

Live life “in Jesus Christ”

While I am not threatened with prison, there are days when I have little eager expectation...

- These drawings show how I am living each day

- Why keep trying? Why hope for what can't come?
- **Through your prayers and the Spirit of Jesus, I am hopeful that I will have sufficient**

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*Application***Live life “in Jesus Christ”**

“To live is Christ”

- He loves us by His grace
- He is with us by His Spirit
- He grants fruitful ministry for His Kingdom

“To die is gain”

- Even when I give up what I deeply value,
or I have it taken from me
- Jesus’ gain in death: purchased salvation, followed by glory
- Our gain in struggling for the Gospel: that somehow Christ would be known, followed by glory!

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*Application***Live life “in Jesus Christ”****Rejoice in the advance of the Gospel**

More people know the glory of our Savior!

- So many live without the joy that is ours “in Christ”
- A few imagine they can make it all work, yet a week like this week must certainly show how fragile that is

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*Application***Live life “by, in, and for Jesus Christ”****Rejoice in the advance of the Gospel**

More people know the glory of our Savior!

More people see and experience the Gospel in action

- We see more clearly the brokenness of people and the impossibility of resolving our conflicts!
- Oh, that people would see Jesus!
 - Not that they would see us, with our stumbling
 - But that they would see Jesus in us!
- Oh, that we would have the aroma of Christ!
- **This is joy beyond words!!**

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*Application***Live life “by, in, and for Jesus Christ”****Rejoice in the advance of the Gospel**

“The important thing is that in every way,

whether from false motives or true,

Christ is preached. → Made public and celebrated

And because of this I rejoice.” *Philippians 1:18*

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Philippians 1:27-30

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, **striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.** This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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Our vision for our church in 2021

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**Jesus Christ is our reason for existence
Apart from Him we have nothing
With Him we have everything**

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**Why do we keep loving across differences?
Because this is what Jesus called us to
Because this is what Jesus did**

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**From a human perspective, this is possible
Yet in Christ, we can do nothing less**

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The Big Idea

**To live joyfully and fully today
is only found in Jesus Christ
and even more so when trouble and death come**

**"For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
Loving across differences takes great courage!
Please pray for me and for us
And let us walk in the Spirit of Jesus together**

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In Christ Alone

English

Sólo en Jesús

In Christ alone my hope is found
Sólo en Jesús esta mi fe,
He is my light, my strength, my song
Mi esperanza y mi canción,
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Piedra Angular, firme sostén,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
Inconmovible en la aflicción,

fiercest = most powerful and destructive
drought = extended time with too little rain

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What heights of love, what depths of peace!
Cuán grande Amor, inmensa Paz,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
En el temor o adversidad,
 My comforter, my all in all
Consolador, Amigo Fiel,
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.
Yo en Su Amor me sostendré...

strivings = struggles

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Solo en Jesús, Hijo de Dios,
 Quien se humilló por nuestro bien,
In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
 Cordero de, mi Salvación,
 Por este mundo herido fue,
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

took on flesh = became human
 Scorned = treated as having no value or honor

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En una cruz fue a morir,
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 Y Dios mostró su Gracia ahí,
The wrath of God was satisfied
 Pues mi pecado Él llevó,
For every sin on Him was laid
 En su aflicción Vida me dio...
Here in the death of Christ I live.

wrath of God = just anger and punishment
 satisfied = completed

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There in the ground His body lay,
En un sepulcro, Él yació,
 Light of the world by darkness slain
El cuerpo inerte del Señor,
 Then bursting forth in glorious day
Más el tercer día llegó,
 Up from the grave He rose again!
Resucitó en Gloriosa Luz,

slain = killed

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And as He stands in victory
Y al triunfar, sobre el mal,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
Perdió el pecado potestad,
 For I am His and He is mine
De Él suyo soy, Él mío es,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
Pues con su Sangre me compró

Sin's curse = death and judgment
Bought = rescued

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No guilt in life, no fear in death
Desde al nacer hasta el morir,
 This is the power of Christ in me
Sea el Poder de Cristo en mí,
 From life's first cry to final breath
No temeré, seguro estoy,
 Jesus commands my destiny
Mi vida yo a Él, le doy,

destiny = one's eternal future

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No power of hell, no scheme of man
Ningún poder, ningún afán,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
De Él me arrebatará,
 Till He returns or calls me home
Hasta que Él, venga otra vez,
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
En Su Poder me sostendré

scheme = plan to harm
pluck = forcefully take away

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Stay for Zoom Breakout Rooms

Join us at 4:30 for prayer at tiny.cc/cmclive

Are you struggling? Do you need someone to walk with you? Please reach out to me or our Board or others in the church.

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May Jesus Christ be made public and celebrated!"**