



Book of Judges

SERMON SERIES



Huntingdon Valley
Presbyterian Church

Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church March 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Portuguese worship service
10:20 a.m. – Sunday school for all ages
11:15 a.m. – English worship service

We are glad you have joined us today!

We offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please pick up a gift bag from the Welcome Table in the hallway. If you are looking for a church home or would like to meet with the pastor or have a prayer request, please fill out the connection card in your pew or in the welcome bag and place it on the collection plate. Take advantage of our weekly Christian Education offerings! At 10:20 a.m. we have a Sunday school class for every age.

- **Toddlers: Ages 2-5** – During Sunday School, meets in the Nursery in the foyer.
Teachers: Deb Jack and Sonia and Pamella Sousa.
- **Early Elementary: Kindergarten to Grade 2** – Upstairs, Room #304.
Teachers: Crystal Goretti, Laura Haines, and Elaine Ticker.
- **Upper Elementary: Grades 3-5** – Upstairs, Room #306.
Teachers: Bruno Sousa, Naomi Trask, and Jordan Goretti.
- **Middle School: grades 6-8** – Upstairs, Room #305.
Teachers: Rosie Bruce, Eva Morrison, and Sarah Pannacker.
- **High School: Grades 9-12 (and beyond)** – Upstairs, Room #308.
Teachers: Charles Foster and Matheus Schaper.
- **Adult Sunday School:** We have adult Sunday school classes in both English and Portuguese. English class meets in the Lounge, Room #209 and is covering the Book of Genesis; Portuguese class meets in the Boyer Fellowship Hall, Room #201.
- **We also provide nursery care during both services** (birth to age 3). When the nursery is not being used by young children, we will continue to have the service streamed into the room. Please feel free to use it as a family room for children up to age 5 if staying in the service is not a possibility. There will be a nursery worker with your child at all times.



Please mute your phone.
THANK YOU!

ORDER FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

* = *The congregation is invited to stand.*

♪ **Prelude**

Holy Song

Praise Band

Words of Welcome

Charlene Crawford

***Unison Call to Worship** *Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12 (ESV)*

Charlene Crawford

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

² My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² O LORD of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Opening Prayer

Jon Haines

*♪ **Words We'll Sing Forever**

All

We could fill a thousand books
With the stories of Your goodness
And still it couldn't capture who You
are
You've been faithful every age
You are Alpha and Omega
The greatness of Your love sets You
apart

Oh let our worship sound like
heaven
Singing the words we'll sing
forever

Singing holy worthy singing glory
In the highest in the highest

Since before the dawn of time
You've had endless choirs of angels
All singing out Your praises on and on
So let our worship sound like heaven
Singing words will sing forever
And let every living creature join the
song

Praise the Father praise the Spirit
Praise the Risen One
He who was He who is
He who is to come
Praise the Lion praise the Lamb
For all He is and all He's done
We'll sing these words forever yeah

Praise the Father praise the Spirit
Praise the Risen One
He who was He who is
He who is to come
Praise the Lion praise the Lamb
For all He is and all He's done
We'll sing these words forever
We'll sing these words forever
We'll sing these words forever

Singing holy worthy singing glory
In the highest in the highest
You are holy worthy singing glory
In the highest in the highest

In the highest in the highest amen

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Call to Confession

Rebekah Bramer

Prayer of Confession

Rebekah Bramer

Almighty God,
In Jesus Christ, you called us
To be a servant people,
But we do not do what you command.
We are often silent when we should speak,
And useless when we could be useful.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Forgive us and free us from sin;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rebekah Bramer

First Reading

Judges 18 (ESV)

Rebekah Bramer

***♪ *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (Hymn #149)**

All

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

All

***♪ *There's a Quiet Understanding* (Hymn #204)**

All

There's a quiet understanding,
When we're gathered in the Spirit
It's a promise that He gives us,
When we gather in His name.

And we know when we're together,
Sharing love and understanding,
That our brothers and our sisters,
Feel the oneness that He brings.

There's a love we feel in Jesus,
There's a manna that He feeds us,
It's a promise that He gives us,
When we gather in His name.

Thank You, thank You, thank You Jesus,
For the way You love and feed us,
For the many ways You lead us,
Thank You, thank You, Lord.

Offering

Jon Haines

♪ Offertory

Because of Jesus

Praise Band

***♪ Doxology**

Doxology (Hymn #572) & Prayer

Dan Morrison

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (ESV)

Dan Morrison

Sermon

Courage and the Christian Life

Dan Morrison

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
For this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

For my God is the Ancient of Days

**♪ A Wonderful Savior is Jesus My Lord (Hymn #402)*

All

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
A wonderful Savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,
And covers me with His hand,
And covers me with His hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
He taketh my burden away;
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength as my day.

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns,
And, filled with His fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, O glory to God,
For such a Redeemer is mine!

When clothed in His brightness, transported,
I rise to meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love,
I'll shout with the millions on high.

***Benediction**

Bruno Sousa



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First Reading: Judges 18 (ESV)

¹ In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the people of Dan was seeking for itself an inheritance to dwell in, for until then no inheritance among the tribes of Israel had fallen to them. ² So the people of Dan sent five able men from the whole number of their tribe, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to explore it. And they said to them, “Go and explore the land.” And they came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there. ³ When they were by the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite. And they turned aside and said to him, “Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What is your business here?” ⁴ And he said to them, “This is how Micah dealt with me: he has hired me, and I have become his priest.” ⁵ And they said to him, “Inquire of God, please, that we may know whether the journey on which we are setting out will succeed.” ⁶ And the priest said to them, “Go in peace. The journey on which you go is under the eye of the LORD.”

⁷ Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were there, how they lived in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and unsuspecting, lacking nothing that is in the earth and possessing wealth, and how they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone. ⁸ And when they came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, their brothers said to them, “What do you report?” ⁹ They said, “Arise, and let us go up against them, for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good. And will you do nothing? Do not be slow to go, to enter in and possess the land. ¹⁰ As soon as you go, you will come to an unsuspecting people. The land is spacious, for God has given it into your hands, a place where there is no lack of anything that is in the earth.”

¹¹ So 600 men of the tribe of Dan, armed with weapons of war, set out from Zorah and Eshtaol, ¹² and went up and encamped at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. On this account that place is called Mahaneh-dan to this day; behold, it is west of Kiriath-jearim. ¹³ And they passed on from there to the hill country of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah.

¹⁴ Then the five men who had gone to scout out the country of Laish said to their brothers, “Do you know that in these houses there are an ephod, household gods, a carved image, and a metal image? Now therefore consider what you will do.” ¹⁵ And they turned aside there and came to the house of the young Levite, at the home of Micah, and asked him about his welfare. ¹⁶ Now the 600 men of the Danites, armed with their weapons of war, stood by the entrance of the gate. ¹⁷ And the five men who had gone to scout out the land went up and entered and took the carved image, the ephod, the household gods, and the metal image, while the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the 600 men armed with weapons of war. ¹⁸ And when these went into Micah's house and took the carved image, the ephod, the household gods, and the metal image, the priest said to them, “What are you doing?” ¹⁹ And they said to him, “Keep quiet; put your hand on your mouth and come with us and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and clan in Israel?” ²⁰ And the priest's heart was glad. He took the ephod and the household gods and the carved image and went along with the people.

²¹ So they turned and departed, putting the little ones and the livestock and the goods in front of them. ²² When they had gone a distance from the home of Micah, the men who were in the houses near Micah's house were called out, and they overtook the people of Dan. ²³ And they shouted to the people of Dan, who turned around and said to Micah, “What is the matter with you, that you come with such a company?” ²⁴ And he said, “You take my gods that I made and the priest, and go away, and what have I left? How then do you ask me, ‘What is the matter with you?’” ²⁵ And the people of Dan said to him, “Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows fall upon you, and you lose your life with the lives of your household.” ²⁶ Then the people of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his home.

²⁷ But the people of Dan took what Micah had made, and the priest who belonged to him, and they came to Laish, to a people quiet and unsuspecting, and struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire. ²⁸ And there was no deliverer because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings with anyone. It was in the valley that belongs to Beth-rehob. Then they rebuilt the city and lived in it. ²⁹ And they named the city Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor, who was born to Israel; but the name of the city was Laish at the first. ³⁰ And the people of Dan set up the carved image for themselves, and Jonathan the son of Gershom, son of Moses, and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land. ³¹ So they set up Micah's carved image that he made, as long as the house of God was at Shiloh.



for:

Josh and Rosie Bruce Family

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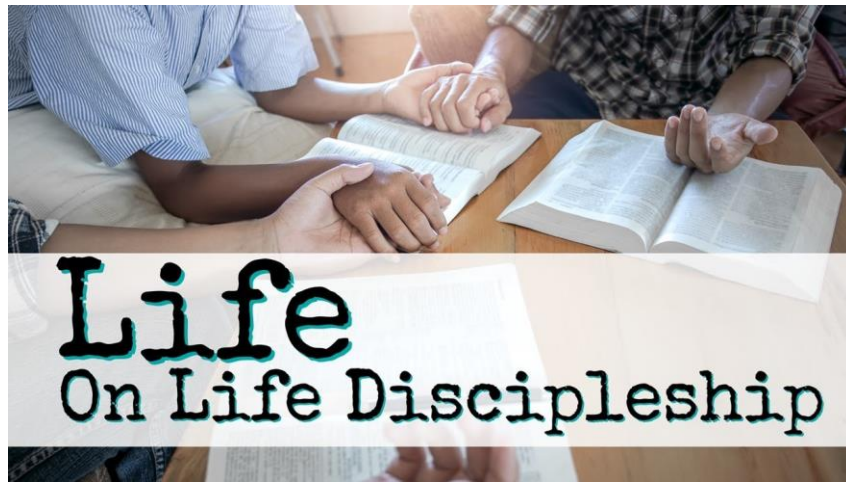
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Let us support the Bruces as they welcome their son, Florian, to this world!



Our Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, April 19, and we need your help to make it a success! We are collecting donations to ensure a fun and memorable event for our children and families. Please visit the donation board at the back of the church to select an item you would like to contribute. All donations are due by April 6th.



We have begun our Life on Life Discipleship Leader's seven week-program. It is divided into two groups: The **Green group** will next meet on March 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Boyer. (the other dates for the **Green group** are: 03/25, 04/08, 04/22, 05/06, 05/20). The **Blue group** will next meet on March 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the Boyer (the other dates for the **Blue group** are: 03/29, 04/12, 04/26, 05/10, 05/24). Please email the Church Office to sign up.

Attendance and Giving at HVPC

Worship Attendance

Date	1 st Service	2 nd Service	FPC	Total
2/16	51	64	118	233
2/23	65	74	28	167
3/2	72	77	22	171

Giving

Date	1 st Service	2 nd Service	FPC	Total
2/16	\$821	\$3,851	\$608	\$5,280
2/23	\$1,795	\$4,312	\$277	\$6,384
3/2	\$1,321	\$3,131	\$142	\$4,594

Average giving needed per week to meet 2025 budget: \$7,876



We are looking for one or two people to assist in planning the VCS 50th Year Gala on May 4, 2025, at Philmont Country Club to celebrate “A Legacy of God’s Faithfulness, A Future of Kingdom Impact.” Some of the work will include the following:

1. Event Planning, Logistics, and Guest Experience
2. Sponsorship, Silent Auction, and Marketing
3. Design and Communications
4. Programming and Content
5. Post-event Follow-up and Donor Relations

Please consider volunteering to help. Contact the Church Office at 215-947-5500, office@hvpc.org.

Happy Birthday to those born in March!

Ana Carolina Pereira dos Reis, 4th
Dafne Goretti, 5th
John Taylor, 5th
Steven Jahss, 12th
Briella Haines, 13th
Mofe Oduneye, 13th
Karina Franca de Sousa Carvalho, 13th
Dorothy Young, 13th

Hernan Guaracao, 13th
Kenneth Daniel, 15th
George Hindley, 18th
Joyce Codispoti, 19th
Andre Luiz Rodrigues, 19th
Rich Good, 23rd
Allan Eduardo Silveira Machoviack, 27th

Small Groups

- **Anchored Bible Study** – Next meeting is March 14. The following are the dates for the group through June: March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, and June 13. Contact Deb Jack (jackfam5@comcast.net; 215-260-4564).
- **Circle of Hope** – Next meeting is March 10. Circle of Hope meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The group watches an episode and then discusses the Chosen. Any questions, call Judy Scott (jtscott2022@comcast.net; 215-500-2747).
- **Miriam Circle** – Next meeting is March 13. This women's Bible study small group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the church in the Lounge Room #209. For more information, contact Pat Sarajian (sarajian@comcat.com; 215-485-0184).
- **Daughters of the King** – Next meeting is March 10. This combination Zoom and in-person group meets the first three Mondays of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Charlene Crawford (godlydiva@aol.com; 267-279-9858).
- **Presbyterian Stogie Society** – Next meeting is March 10. This cigar-friendly men's group meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Ungerman Barn. Contact Jordan Goretti (creelowns@gmail.com; 610-554-0259).
- **Valley Youth Group** – Next meeting is March 14. Contact the church office (office@hvpc.org; 215-947-5500).
- **Women's Bible Study** – Next meeting is April 2. The group meets every other week. Childcare is available. Contact Naomi Trask (trasknaomi001@gmail.com; 215-630-6186).
- **Connections Discipleship Group Study** – Next meeting is March 16. Contact Cynthia Cornish (cynthiagranticornish@yahoo.com; 484-640-9856).

This Week of 3/9 @ HVPC

Fellowship Presbyterian Church	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa
Presbyterian Stogie Society	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jordan Goretti
Daughters of the King	Monday	7:30 p.m.	Contact Charlene Crawford
Missions Committee Meeting	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Choir Practice	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Contact Susan Clark
Praise Band Practice	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jon Haines
Online Prayer Meeting	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Online Prayer Meeting (Missions)	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
ELL Program	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa
Valley Youth Group	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa
Langhorne EPC Session Meeting	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office
Langhorne EPC Session Meeting	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Contact Church Office

Contact the church office for information (office@HVPC.org; 215-947-5500).

Food Bank Collection

Bring the food! For March, there is a great need for baby food and diapers. Please also consider donating other non-perishable foods as well, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, diapers, baby food and baby wipes, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Goretti; acheeg85@gmail.com, 201-213-2758.

Online prayer meetings: Shari Hofstetter hosts prayer meetings on Google Meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and prayer for Missions each Friday at 5:00 p.m. For info, contact Shari Hofstetter chaplainshari94@gmail.com. Use the link meet.google.com/bqw-vgnh-wnx for Wednesday, meet.google.com/kex-umjj-czk for Thursday, and meet.google.com/cfg-xnje-axt for Friday.

Greeters: This important ministry is seeking volunteers, whether you have or have not volunteered before. The sign-up page is <http://bit.ly/HVPCgreeting>. You may also contact Joyce Codispoti directly at 215-478-3299, jjcods@verizon.net.

The Deacons' Annual Chili Cookoff will be Saturday, March 22nd from 5 to 7 p.m. We are very lenient about what counts as chili, so if you've got a creative take, we'd love to try it! Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. Side dishes are also welcome. Even if you don't think you like chili you should come out; there's usually something for everyone! Bring a couple dollars to vote for your favorite dish. All money raised will go to support the Deacon's Ministry.

Prayer Requests & Praises

NOTE: If you have a prayer request to be added, updated, or removed please contact the Church Office (office@HVPC.org; 215-947-5500).

- **Berkenstock, Caroline** – Caroline fell and broke her pelvis. Please keep her in prayer as she recovers.
- **Bush, Carl** – Elizabeth Rozarto's brother, Carl Bush, needs prayer. He is recovering from retina surgery and was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer. He will receive radiation and chemo. Keep him in prayer as he faces illness.
- **Clover, Joan** – Pray for Joan as she continues to struggle with nerve pain.
- **Good, Barb** – Pray for Barb as she fell and broke her hip. Pray that God bring healing to her and an added measure of strength to Rich as he cares for his wife.
- **Goretti, Jordan and Crystal** – Praise God that Jordan and Crystal can move back into their house today! The remediation work is completed, and they are now safe to return.
- **Holmes, Bert** – Lift Bert up in prayer. He has returned home and is recovering there. Praise God that he is improving.
- **James, Karen** – Praise God that Karen has recovered from her stroke. Continue to pray for continued procedures to prevent another stroke.
- **Jasinski, Millie** – Keep Millie in your prayers as she grieves the loss of her husband, Walt.
- **Johnson, Ethel** – Lift up Ethel Johnson in your prayers as she has been recovering from a stroke. She is recovering but has suffered memory loss. She is located at Wesley Enhanced Living, Room 105. The address is 200 Veterans Lane, Doylestown, PA 18901. Her number is 267-927-8304.
- **Morrison, Eva** – Please keep Ulla in your prayers. She is recovering from surgery and faces recovery from cancer. Her husband, Wieland, has Alzheimer's and is unable to care for her. May her family and friends continue to provide companionship and comfort.
- **Marron, Gail** – Remember Gail Marron in your prayers as she suffers with lower back pain.
- **Scaffidi, Barb** – Barb's Mom continues to struggle with cancer. Also, Barb's Sister-in-law, Sue, is fighting breast cancer. Please pray for their health and that their walks with Christ be strengthened.
- **Trask, Naomi** – Lift Naomi up in your prayers. We thank God that the test results show that Naomi's cancer has not returned. Also, Anna, her daughter-in-law's cousin's five-year-old has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Our Mission Statement

For God's glory, and by His power, we are a fellowship of sinners who worship God, study God's word, love all people, and share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these additional Essentials of our faith:

- 1.** We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever!
- 2.** Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.
- 3.** The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.
- 4.** Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.
- 5.** The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord.
- 6.** Jesus Christ will come again to the earth-personally, visibly, and bodily-to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20)
- 7.** The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10).



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