

Way of Grace Worship

May 12th, 2024

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” [5] For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—[6] yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

-1 Corinthians 8:4-6

- **His Kingdom is Forever**

You are my King, O God. (Psalm 44:4a)

A Mighty Fortress

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

- **Opening Prayer**

...pray without ceasing... (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

- **One Body: “You are All One in Christ”**

...devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture... (1 Timothy 4:13)

- **O Bright Heaven's Son**

...Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened... (Eph. 1:18)

Be Thou My Vision

- **A Message from God's Word***

Preach the word... (1 Timothy 4:2)

*"All Things to All People"
(1 Corinthians 9:19-22)*

- **As I Seek the Lost to Win**

But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16b)

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

- **Departing Blessing**

from Acts 26:17, 18

O God, send us to all people to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in you. Amen.

One Body: “You are All One in Christ”

One: ...for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Many: **There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female,**

One: ...for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Many: **...when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.**

One: But when the fullness of time had come,

Together: **God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**

-Galatians 3:26-29; 4:3-5

Life Group Discussion

1. Share one thing that stood out to you or stuck with you from this morning's message.

2. Share a way you can apply, or that you hope to live differently, in light of our text this morning.

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 we, as the body of Christ, would understand and take to heart, more and more, that we are also “members one of another”. (Romans 12:5)

Looking Forward: Take time to think about what our readings this week from 1 Corinthians teach us about gathering together with God's people.

@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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For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them... I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

-1 Corinthians 9:19, 22b

SONGS of WORSHIP

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our Helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness, To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace, And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness, With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness, To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength, And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough, For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love, And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness, To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth, Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow him.

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.

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.



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.”