

CHRIST CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE

OCTOBER 30, 2022

Next Week

November 6, 2022

CHRIST CHURCH | 8:30 & 10:30 AM

LOGOS FIELDHOUSE | BEN ZORNES

CHRIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN | 8:30 & 10:30 AM

CHALMERS HALL | TOBY SUMPTER

CHRIST CHURCH TROY | 9:00 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEDITATION

- CALL TO WORSHIP -

Please stand.

ADORATION

the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Congregation: And also to you.

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 5:12-13

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace to you, from God Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades. On the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

HYMN

- CONFESSION -

Please sit.

Exhortation

PSALM

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q. 62

Minister: But why cannot our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of it?

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.......407 Congregation: Because the righteousness which can stand before the judgment of God must be absolutely perfect and wholly in conformity with the divine Law. But even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.

HYMN

Out Of The Depts of Sadness.....256 All Glory Be To God On High......304

CONFESSION OF SIN

Congregation is invited to kneel if able.

Revelation 3:2-3

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Please stand. Isaiah 12:2

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

- CONSECRATION -

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 28:11-19, Revelation 18:9-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOUSEHOLD BAPTISMS Blaise & Jack Engerbretson - 1st Congregational charge: Little child, for you Jesus Christ came to this earth, struggled and suffered; for your sake He crossed Gethsemane and went through the darkness of Calvary; for your sake He cried: 'It is finished'; for your sake He died and for your sake He overcame death; indeed for your sake, little child, and you still	OFFERTORY Please stand Isaiah, Mighty Seer, In Days Of Old
know nothing of it. And thus the word of the apostle is confirmed: "We love God, for He loved us first." (Taken from an old French Reformed Baptism Rite)	Please sit. THE BREAD We All Believe In One True God
HYMN Please sit. Psalm 95	THE WINE O Bread Of Life From Heaven478
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Opening: Revelation 4:11 Thanksgiving: Revelation 11:17 Petitions: Revelation 21:6-7	- COMMISSIONING - Please stand. CLOSING DOXOLOGY The congregation may raise hands. Amen! Blessing and Glory
HYMN Please stand. Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word386 SERMON Please sit. Abandoning the Sons of Belial	
PRAYER Ending with <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	NEXT WEEK PREACHERS: See front of bulletin

SCRIPTURE READING: Lev. 19:9-18, Mark 12:28-34

MUSIC:

"MAY I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE?"

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at Christ Church. We warmly invite to the Lord's table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. Since the elders are responsible for the table, when a baptized child begins taking the Lord's Supper, we ask a parent to notify one of the elders. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.

AUTHENTIC MINISTRY 15 / SECOND CORINTHIANS

INTRODUCTION

Remember that the point of this epistle is for Paul to defend the authenticity of his ministry. There are three groups involved. There were the false teachers, the agitators that stirred up the trouble. They had initially swayed the whole church, but after Paul's severe letter, the bulk of the church had come back into their loyalty to Paul. That is the second group. The third group was made of saints in the church who were still rattled, who still had the wobbles. These were the ones that Paul beseeched to "enlarge their hearts." And in this passage, we get to Paul's basic "call to action." We have come to the thing which they must do.

THE TEXT

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor. 6:14–7:1).

DEBRIS CLEARING

Before summarizing the text, there is an important misunderstanding to get out of the way. In this section, Paul famously says that we are not to be "unequally yoked with unbelievers." This is regularly applied to marriages and/or business partnership, and while this is a legitimate application, it is not what the text is talking about—and we have to be careful not to lose the original meaning. When Paul tells Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach and frequent ailments (1 Tim. 5:23), he was not trying to refute teetotalism. That is a legitimate application (by extension), but not what Paul was talking about. It is the same here.

The original meaning was the summons that Paul was delivering, urging the remaining wobbly Corinthians to make a complete break from the false teachers (whom we will get to know much better in later chapters). For now it will serve to distinguish the wolves from the sheep who have been mauled by wolves. Paul is appealing here to the latter.

SUMMARY OF THE TEXT

Paul starts with the principle. Do not be in harness together with unbelievers (v. 14). The reason is then given in a series of contrasts. Is there fellowship between righteousness and unrighteousness (v. 14)? Communion between light and darkness (v. 14)? Concord between Christ and Belial (v. 15)? Faith and infidelity (v. 15)? The

temple of God with idols (v. 16)?

These destructive false teachers want to set up their idols in the Corinthians, saints who were the Temple of God (v. 16). What looks like a solitary quotation from the Old Testament starting in v. 16 is actually a complicated mashup of quotations from about six different places in the Old Testament. The first two are promises of close and intimate fellowship (Lev. 26:11-12; Eze. 37:27). Then came the promise of adoption, and this is taken from four distinct places (2 Sam. 7:14; Is. 52:11; Eze. 20:34; Is. 43:6).

Overwhelmingly, the six cited passages are talking about Israel's restoration to the land, brought out of exile. The Corinthians were the heirs of these spectacular promises and, as such, had an obligation to cleanse themselves from all filthiness of spirit and flesh, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (7:1). That is the call—to break with these sons of Belial.

SONS OF BELIAL

We can tell that this is the import of this passage from the overall flow of the argument. Dealing with these false teachers is, after all, the theme of the entire letter. But we can also see it in his use of a word like *Belial*. The word probably means *worthlessness*, and is used throughout the Old Testament to refer to covenant losers. In other words, we are talking about covenant members who were wicked louts. See, for example, the following: Dt. 13:13; Judg. 19:22; 20:13; 1 Sam. 1:16; 2:12; 10:27; 25:17,25; 30:22; 2 Sam. 20:1; 1 Kings 21:10,13; 2Chron. 13:7. This is precisely what Paul was dealing with at Corinth, and so he asks the rhetorical question—what possible fellowship can there be between Christ and Belial?

THE PRESSING NEED FOR MORE CHURCH SPLITS

The "unbelievers" Paul is talking about are his adversaries within the church. These are false *brothers*. Do not be "yoked with" means do not pal around with, enable, encourage, or otherwise link to these people.

The driver of all such splits, however, needs to be holiness. If they pursue holiness in the fear of God, a lot of the separating will take care of itself. Paul is reminding the Corinthians of their identity in Christ. Now, in Christ, what are they? They are the *righteousness* of God (2 Cor. 5:21). They have been made *light* (2 Cor. 4:6). In Christ, they are a *new creation* (2 Cor. 5:17). By direct implication, Paul includes them as being among those who believe (2 Cor. 4:4). They are the *Temple* of God (2 Cor. 6:16). So the Corinthians are or have each of the characteristics that have no fellowship, communion, concord, part, or agreement with the corruptions offered by the sons of Belial. Those corruptions would unrighteousness, darkness, worthlessness, infidelity, and idolatry. And it is holiness of life that drives all such things away.

DISEASED EVANGELICALISM

Satan has two basic strategies for attacking the church. He attacks it by persecutions from without, and he attacks it by introducing corruptions from within. The latter has been his tactic of choice in the American church, and it has worked very well for him. The bottom line of all such corruptions is unholiness, and usually with a

sexual component. This is why vast swaths of the evangelical church collapsed almost overnight when the challenges of the last two years first appeared.

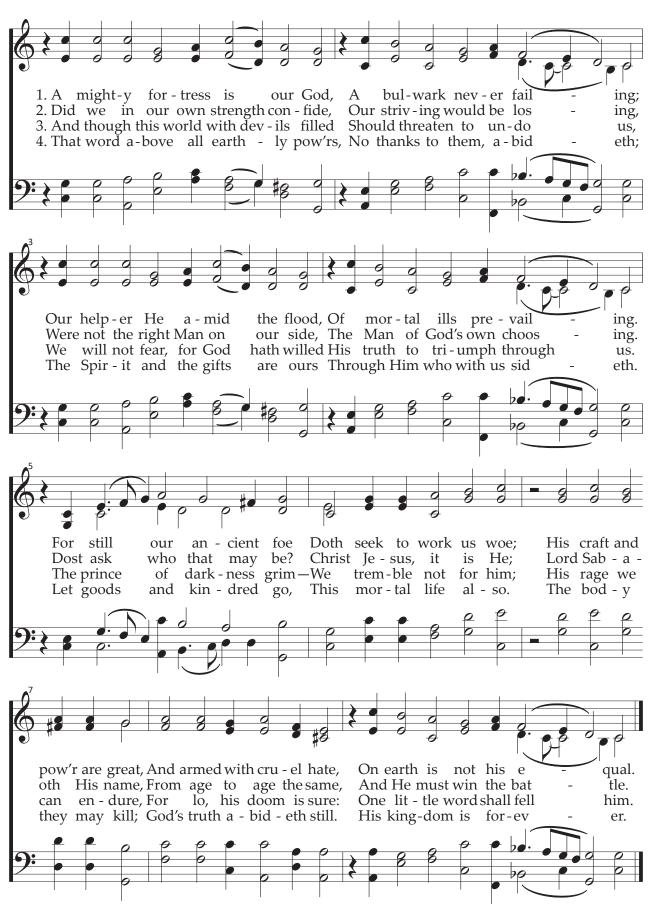
And so the application today should be obvious. Separate from—do not have anything to do with, do not follow, do not fellowship with—the ministries of anyone who is woke, or semi-woke, or is effeminate, or who compromises on theistic evolution, or who makes room for homosexuality as an identity, or who ordains women to be pastors, or who advances any form of critical theory, or who would otherwise invite this generation's Clown Car Review into the church. Tragically, this list is not limited to mainline liberal churches. Because we did not heed the warnings of the apostle, the evangelical movement is shot through with the cancers of unbelief.

But do not just turn away. That is insufficient. Pursue holiness. Pursue righteousness. Pursue Christ.

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Out of the Depths of Sadness

From Psalm 130



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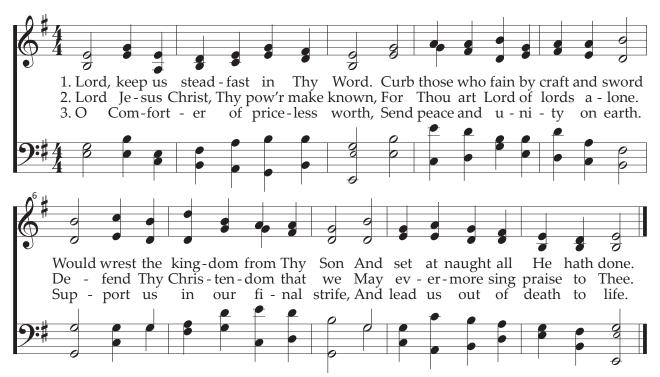


Psalm 95

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386 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word



Music: Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenburg, 1535 Text: Martin Luther, 1541; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863 ERHALT UNS, HERR 8 8. 8 8.

The Lord's Prayer



Text: Holy Bible, King James Version, 1611

724 Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old











Music: German melody, c. 1400s; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

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Amen! Blessing and Glory

Revelation 7:12



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