DISHEARTENING/LOVING EVANGELISM from CHRIST-Mark 10:17-22

"And Jesus, looking at him, loved him...Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful."

Mark 10:21a, 22a

The kind of Christianity that will not allow the attachment of eternal life onto an essentially worldly life is not an easy sell in any generation. It is disheartening news to any clinging to a superficial view of the righteousness of God. Nevertheless the clear proclamation that all gods must be dethroned to make way for the crowning of Jesus Christ as LORD is completely consistent with love for souls. It is not love to leave gospel hearers under the impression that they are safe to cherish both earthly and heavenly treasure. One must experience the sorrow of relinquishing one or the other. In all true con-

versions the grace of God enables the repentant sinner to see that worshiping the creature more than the Creator is a deadly contagion that has infected the soul. The joyful realization that Christ is the true cure is a sufficient counterbalance to overcome any sorrow from worldly loss. Perhaps the dethroning of no false god is so likely to be disheartening as that of money. For that reason, the grace of God in the churches of Macedonia ought to fuel our faith. Paul said, "...for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance OF JOY AND THEIR EXTREME POV-ERTY have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." II Corinthians 8:2.

By Charles Fortner

Events

TODAY Fellowship Picnic 7:00 PM

7/21 7th/8th Bible Study 7/23 Compere-Gao Reception 12 PM - 2 PM



Upcoming Events







Service Times



- —Sunday School 9:30 am
- -Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- -Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- -Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn Scripture Reading Pastoral Praver

Alex DiPrima #4 All Praise to God Revelation 20 - page 1040

Offertory #549 Jesus. Thou Jov Preparatory Be Thou My Vision

- 1. 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.
- 2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
- 3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
- 4. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heavins Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Songs

Brad Kinnison O Great God/Our God is an Awesome God

- 1. O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war. You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.
- 2. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice. did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace. (kev change)
- 3. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

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Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God! He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God! He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God! He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!

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Scripture Reading **Pastoral Prayer**

Deuteronomy 33 - page 175

Offertory Have Thine Own Way

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

- 2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in Thy presence humbly I bow, as in Thy presence humbly I bow.
- 3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray! Power - all power - surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me. Savior divine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me! Christ only always, living in me! Amen

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Preparatory

Nearer, Still Nearer

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, draw me, my Savior - so precious Thou art! Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast.

Shelter me safe in that haven of rest; Shelter me safe in that haven of rest. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King Only my sinful, now contrite heart.

Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart;

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Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine! Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign,

All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride.

Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified;

Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast;

Thro' endless ages ever to be

Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee;

Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee. Amen

Text and Music: Lelia N. Morris

Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston