

## What is Meekness? by John Piper

*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."* (Matthew 5:5)

Meekness begins when we put our trust in God. Then, because we trust him, we commit our way to him. We roll onto him our anxieties, our frustrations, our plans, our relationships, our jobs, our health.

And then we wait patiently for the Lord. We trust his timing and his power and his grace to work things out in the best way for his glory and for our good.

The result of trusting God, and the rolling of our anxieties onto God, and waiting patiently for him is that we don't give way to quick and fretful anger. But instead, we give place to wrath and hand our cause over to God and let him vindicate us if he chooses.

And then, as James says, in this quiet confidence we are slow to speak and quick to listen (James 1:19). We become reasonable and open to correction (James 3:17). James calls this the "meekness of wisdom" (James 3:13).

Meekness loves to learn. And it counts

the corrective blows of a friend as precious (Proverbs 27:6). And when it must say a critical word to a person caught in sin or error, it speaks from the deep conviction of its own fallibility and its own susceptibility to sin and its utter dependence on the grace of God (Galatians 6:1).

The quietness and openness and vulnerability of meekness is very beautiful and very painful. It goes against all that we are by our sinful nature. It requires supernatural help.

If you are a disciple of Jesus Christ — if you trust him and commit your way to him and wait patiently for him — God has already begun to help you and will help you even more.

And the primary way that he will help you is to assure your heart that you are a fellow heir of Jesus Christ and that the world and everything in it is yours (1 Corinthians 3:21–23). The meek inherit the earth.

### Events

**TODAY** Stacy Henning  
Young Life Report 7 PM  
Fellowship Picnic 7 PM  
5/26 Flourishers Picnic  
at Williams 5:30 PM  
5/27 Youth Picnic 7 PM

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### Upcoming Events



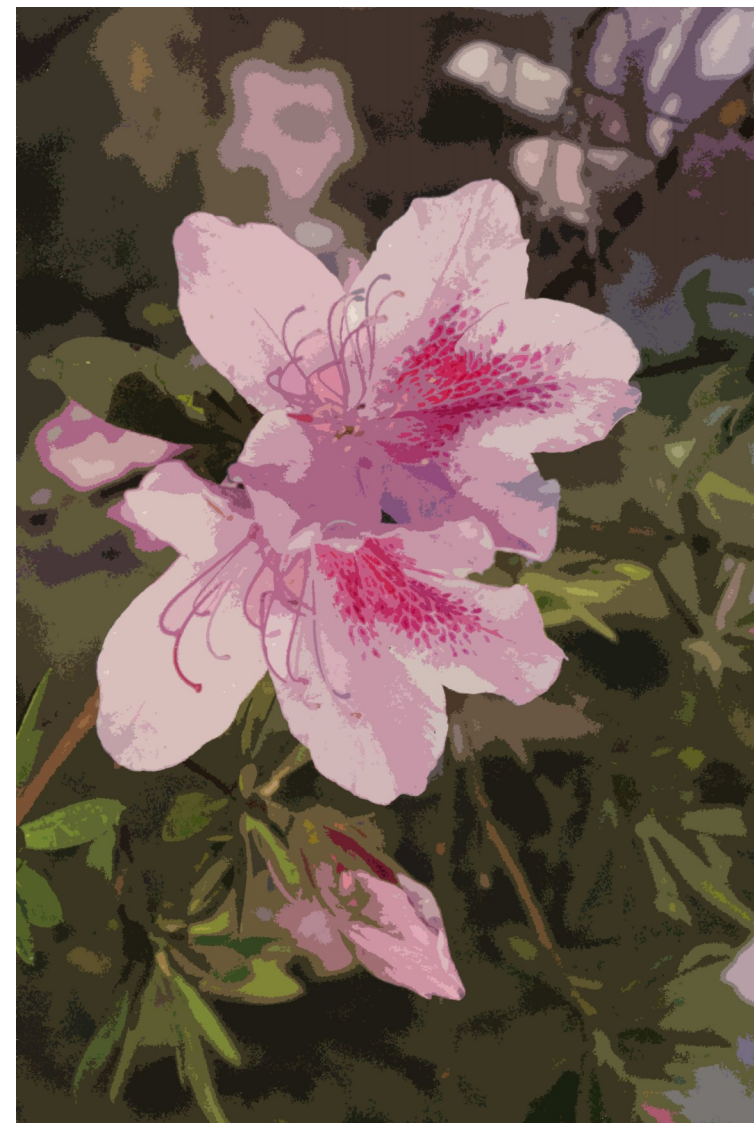
### Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

### 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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## IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST HE IS A NEW CREATION

2 Cor 5:17



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# Morning Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn

## Pastor Michael Lopes For the Cause

For the cause of Christ the King, We give our lives, an offering  
'Til all the earth resounds with ceaseless praise, To the Son

For the cause of Christ we go, With joy to reap, with faith to sow  
As many see and many put their trust in the Son

**(Chorus) Christ we proclaim, The Name above every name:  
For all creation, Ev'ry nation, God's salvation, Through the Son!**

For the King once lifted high, To cries of rage, of 'crucify!'  
Endured the cross as every sin was laid On the Son

To the King who conquered death, To free the poor and the oppressed  
For lasting peace, For life and liberty In the Son **(Chorus)**

Let it be my life's refrain: To live is Christ, to die is gain;  
Deny myself, take up my cross And follow the Son **(Chorus)**

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## Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Preparatory

**John 6:41-59, page 892**

**#77 The Lord's My Shepherd  
For All the Saints**

For all the saints who from their labors rest  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed  
Thy Name, O Jesus be forever blessed, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock their fortress and their might  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light, Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true and bold  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold, Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed, Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array  
The King of glory passes on His way, Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds from ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.  
All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
there God, the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

**(Chorus with "echos")**

**I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.**

**I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.**

No chilling winds or poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore,  
sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

**(Chorus with "echos")**

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?

When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

**(Chorus with "echos") (repeat chorus)**

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## Sermon

**Pastor Gary Hendrix**

# Evening Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn

## Pastor Bob Prentice I Love You Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King in what You hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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**Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

**(Chorus) Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me**

King of all days Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor **(Chorus)**

I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross (repeat)  
**(Chorus)**

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## Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Preparatory

**Mark 8:27-38, page 844**

**#129 Fairest Lord Jesus  
O Great 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.  
(key 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. (repeat)**

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## Sermon

**Pastor Charles Fortner**