

What is Meekness by John Piper
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"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.

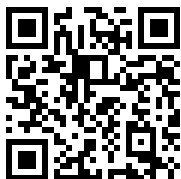
If you are a disciple of Jesus Christ — if you trust him and commit your way to him and wait patiently for him — God has already begun to help you and will help you even more.

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

- 5/29 Chairs moved back into sanctuary
- 5/30 Full church reopening with AM communion
- 5/30 VBS volunteers meeting 7:30 PM
- 6/5 Ladies Missionary Society 9 AM

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Upcoming Events



Pastors

Stephen Byrd Stu Johnston
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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John 17:3



Morning Worship

Call to Worship	Pastor Stephen Byrd
Opening Hymn	Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
Scripture Reading	Romans 11:25-36, page 947
Pastoral Prayer	
Offertory	He Will Hold Me Fast
Preparatory	#188 There is a Fountain
Sermon	Pastor Michael Lopes
Post Sermon	How Great is Our God

Evening Worship

Call to Worship	Brad Hicks
Opening Hymn	Trisagion
	You Are My King (Amazing Grace)
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-31, 2:1-5, page 952
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Stephen Byrd
Offertory	#544 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Preparatory	Rock of Ages
Sermon	Kent Thompson
Post Sermon	Jesus, Thank You

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