

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **ACADEMY** (5/17-8/9)

Our Academy Class "The Book Of The Twelve" takes place Sunday mornings from 8:40-9:40 AM. This series provides an overview of each book of the minor prophets, Hosea through Malachi.

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** (5/17-8/9)

For those interested in membership at CCWC, our three-part membership class takes place Sunday mornings from 8:40-9:40. For questions, email Jake ([jake@christchurchwc.org](mailto:jake@christchurchwc.org)). Childcare is provided for both Membership Matters and Academy.

## **VERSE BY VERSE** (No Verse-By-Verse This Week)

## **YOUTH MINISTRY** (Resumes 8/19)

## **EVENING SERVICE** (Tonight)

Join us tonight at 5 PM for our Sunday Evening Service. We will gather to pray, sing, and hear God's Word preached. Childcare will be provided.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** (This Week)

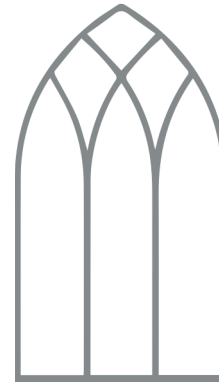
VBS will be held at CCWC July 13-16 from 6-8 PM. This event is for children age 4 through completed 4th grade. Scan the QR code to register.



## **SUNDAY NIGHT THEOLOGY** (Canceled For July)

## **RTIM PREVIEW DAY** (8/28)

CCWC will be hosting a Reaching & Teaching International Ministries (RTIM) preview day on Friday, August 28th from 9am-4pm. In regard to cost, it is free for pastors, \$25 for CCWC members, and \$50 non-members. If you are interested, email [jake@christchurchwc.org](mailto:jake@christchurchwc.org).



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PREPARATION SONG  
*Hallelujah! What A Savior*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

PRAYER OF ADORATION  
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*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE  
Psalm 51:3-5 & Hebrews 10:19-22

*Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted*

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GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
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*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

SERMON  
Acts 15:1-35

The Lord's Supper  
*Behold The Lamb*

*There Is One Gospel*

BENEDICTION  
Colossians 3:16

## BENEDICTION

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**COLOSSIANS 3:16 (ESV)**

# THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

## **VERSE 1**

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity  
It is my story, my Father's plan  
The Son has rescued me  
Oh, what a Gospel! Oh, what a peace!  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## **VERSE 2**

There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss  
For there, where justice and mercy meet,  
He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## **VERSE 3**

There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still  
speaks  
For death could not keep my Savior down  
He lives and I am free  
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes  
My life is His and His hope is mine  
For he has promised I, too, will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## **VERSE 4**

And in this Gospel the church is one  
We do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on  
To lead us safely home  
And when, in glory, still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Savior, the King of life!  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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# HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

## **VERSE 1**

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

## **VERSE 2**

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

## **VERSE 3**

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
"Full atonement!" can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

## **VERSE 4**

Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in Heav'n exalted high.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

## **VERSE 5**

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

### **DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5 (ESV)**

## BEHOLD THE LAMB

### **VERSE 1**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us  
And we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King

### **VERSE 2**

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you  
Eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King

### **VERSE 3**

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you  
Drink and remember;  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God  
So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King

### **VERSE 4**

And so, with thankfulness and faith, we rise to respond  
And to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

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SERMON NOTES  
**THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM:  
PROTECTING THE APOSTOLIC GOSPEL**  
ACTS 15:1-35 | RODNEY EVANS

COME BEHOLD  
THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

**VERSE 1**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

**VERSE 2**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

**VERSE 3**

Come behold the wondrous mystery,  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

**VERSE 4**

Come behold the wondrous mystery,  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

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# CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

## **VERSE 1**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King for all eternity

## **VERSE 2**

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

## **VERSE 3**

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright

## **VERSE 4**

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end and round his pierc-ed feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

## **VERSE 5**

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n  
From yonder glorious throne,  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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# SERMON NOTES **THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM: PROTECTING THE APOSTOLIC GOSPEL** ACTS 15:1-35 | RODNEY EVANS

# A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

## **VERSE 1**

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 doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great and, armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

## **VERSE 2**

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  
Dost 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

## **VERSE 3**

And tho' this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath 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

## **VERSE 4**

That word above all earthly pow'rs, 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

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# CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

## **PSALM 51:3-5 (ESV)**

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

## **HEBREWS 10:19-22 (ESV)**

# STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

## **VERSE 1**

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord  
Through His Son now God has spoken;  
'Tis the true and faithful Word

## **VERSE 2**

Tell me, you who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like His?  
Friends through fear His cause disowning,  
Foes insulting His distress  
Many hands were raised to wound Him;  
None would intervene to save  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him  
Was the stroke that Justice gave

## **VERSE 3**

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate  
Mark the sacrifice appointed; see who bears the awful load  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God

## **VERSE 4**

Here we have a firm foundation; here the refuge of the lost  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation; His the name of which we boast  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built

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Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

**COLOSSIANS 2:1-23 (ESV)**

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

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## SCRIPTURE READING

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. If with

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## SCRIPTURE READING

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uria, Hilkiyah, and Maaseyah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherubiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseyah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

**NEHEMIAH 8:1-12 (ESV)**

## ANCIENT WORDS

### **VERSE 1**

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart

### **VERSE 2**

Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

### **CHORUS**

Ancient words, ever true; changing me, changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

### **VERSE 3**

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice  
O heed the faithful words of Christ

### **VERSE 4**

Martyrs' blood stains each page; they have died for this faith  
Hear them cry through the years,  
"Heed these words and hold them dear!"

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## CONFESSIONAL READING

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is a solemn and beautiful emblem that declares our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior as well as our union with him in death to sin and resurrection to a new life. Baptism is a prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and the Lord's Supper. We likewise believe that the Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby the members of the church, following earnest self-examination, use bread and the cup in a sacred manner to commemorate together the dying love of Christ. The ordinances belong to the gathered church, marking off believers from unbelievers and making the church visible on earth.

(Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:5-6; John 3:22-23; John 4:12; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:12; Acts 16:32-34; Acts 18:8; Acts 10:47-48; Gal.3:26-28; Rom.6:4; Col. 2:12; I Peter 3:20-21; Acts 22:16; Acts 2:41-42; I Cor. 11:26; Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; I Cor.11:28; I Cor. 5:1-8; I Cor. 10:3-32; I Cor. 11:17-32; John 6:26)

**THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH**  
ARTICLE 14: BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER  
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