

“Spiritual Autonomy, Deconstructionism, and Critical Race Theory:  
The War Against Christian Discipleship” (Part 2)  
1 John 1:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 John 2:3-6; 3:4-7,10

- What is Christian Deconstructionism?
  - *“It is a negative or suspicious reading of the Bible, a negative or suspicious belief of a Christian’s intents, and a negative or suspicious interpretation of the beliefs and practices of the Church. It’s a desire to destroy traditional or biblical modes of thought and lifestyle. It is not concerned with the discovery of truth but is concerned simply with questioning all truth claims. Its goal is to train you not to find truth or meaning but instead to just endlessly question anyone, with words and actions, who make a truth claim. It desires for you to have a standardless Christianity, or a low-standard Christianity, that makes biblical Christianity look extreme and judgmental, and that eventually transforms Christianity into universalism.”*
- Important Words:
  - *Pragmatism*: an approach that assesses the truth of meaning of theories or beliefs in terms of the success of their practical application.
  - *Sentimentalism*: tending toward basing actions and reactions upon emotions and feelings, in preference to reason.
  - *Emotionalism*: to determine whether something is true or false based on the emotional reaction to it.
- ★ The word Objective refers to facts that are provable or verifiable. Objective statements and observations don’t include people’s personal views and preferences, known as biases. Subjective, on the other hand, refers to personal feelings, viewpoints, opinions, and biases.
- *The strategies of Deconstructionism*:
  - *Create a culture* that excuses sin for the victim and can never forgive the sin of the oppressor.
  - *Create a culture* where there is no objective truth. Without objective truth there is no need of repentance or holiness.
  - *Create a culture* where pain, hardship, and suffering is an excuse for not obeying the Word of God, not an expectation of obeying the Word of God.
  - *Create a culture* where the Bible is subjective and no longer objective.
  - *Create a culture* where “truth” is found in tone, feelings, and a secular worldview, not in the substance of what is said.
  - *Create a culture* that uses the “human shields” of marginalized ethnicities, confused sexuality, anxiety and fear, difficult seasons of life, trauma, busyness, fragility, microaggressions, stress, and church abuse, as an excuse to leave people lost in their sins and in disobedience to God.
- What is the Christian response to this?
  - 1 John 1:7-10 → *Repentance*
    - Properly striving for objective holiness/obedience and participating in daily repentance keeps us enjoying our fellowship with God and community.
    - Genuine confession moves us to action. Objectively holy Christians have daily, specific, genuine, times of confession.
  - 1 John 2:3-6; 1 John 3:4-7, 10 → *Objective Standard*
    - The Christian is called to *fight to obey God*. The basis of this fight is God’s love for them and the desire that this great love would be responded to with obedience.
  - Ephesians 4:11-16 → *Humble and Thankful Submission*

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**Worship:** God is For Us (City Alight)    What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Various Artists)  
Before the Throne of God Above (Sovereign Grace Music) **Closing Song:** Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me(City Alight)

**Service Times:** Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;

Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- As a gift to the church, God has given us His Word and given us those who teach and preach His Word (v. 11).
- The job of the preachers and teachers is to objectively equip the Church to do the objective work of ministry (v. 12).
- There is an objective faith, an objective knowledge of the Son of God, an objective maturity, an objective doctrine, an objective truth, and an objective love within the Church (v. 12-16).
- We are to avoid being like children, who are tossed and carried about by every wind of subjective doctrine (v. 14).
- We must not forget that the mission of the church is to build mature disciples and faithfully preach the gospel (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 14:21-23).

*“Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling (for Christ), with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.”*  
*(Ephesians 6:6-8)*

**Announcements:**

- DONATIONS: Throughout the month of April we are collecting donations for Heartbeats. These are the items they are in need of: Clothes for boys and girls (size 0-3 months and 2T); Long pants/leggings and PJs for boys and girls (size 12 months to 3T); Onesies: size New Born Long Sleeve \*especially for boys; size 6-9 months for boys and girls; size 12+ months \*especially for girls; Boys shoes; Breastfeeding covers; Diaper bags; Crib sheets; Baby bath towels; Women's sanitary products; Toys and books. ☆NO BLANKETS OR DIAPERS! There is a tote in front of the back table to put your donations in.
- CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASS: This is the last week the sign-up list will be out for the upcoming Children's Catechism Class, so please make sure you sign-up if you are interested in participating in that! More information as to the date, time, and location will be coming very soon!
- SERVICE PROJECT: THIS Saturday, April 9th, we will be having a courtyard clean-up day here at the church. The plan is to clean-up the yard and courtyard and give the plant life some TLC. This will be from 9-11am and there is a sign-up list on the back table.
- LADIES SPRING BRUNCH: Attention ladies!! Mark your calendars! We will be having a Spring Brunch together on Saturday, May 7th, at 10am. This will be held at Jen Kasson's house (4390 Canyon Road, Granville). We will be putting out a sign-up list soon for everyone who is able to attend to bring a sweet or savory food item to the brunch.
- FELLOWSHIP DINNER: NEXT Sunday, April 10th, we are having a Fellowship Dinner immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something. EVERYONE is invited to stay and enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

Account Balance: \$35,319.76 February Balance: \$36,817.73	Weekly Budget: \$3,157
Total Giving: March 6	\$1,911
Total Giving: March 13	\$3,303
Total Giving: March 20	\$1,798
Total Giving: March 27	\$1,120