

“The American gods of Money and Comfort” (Part 3)
Living a Life of Freedom and Generosity
Philippians 3:7-4:13,19

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me” (Colossians 1:28-29). “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes” (Ephesians 4:12-14).

“Jesus, I would rather have you as my Savior and leader than keep my health, have my sons and wife, or preserve my own life. You are more valuable to me than all I own, all the friendships I cherish, all the pastimes I enjoy, and all my plans for the future.”

“For many, the goal of Christian living is getting their needs met, being fulfilled, being happy, having a good self-image, and eliminating all of life’s problems. The focus is on people, not Christ. It should be that people would see the power and the worth of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost.”

- (Philippians 3:3): Who we are!
 - We are the circumcision (we are Christians; we are saved). Everything we do is by the power of the Holy Spirit, through faith in Jesus Christ and we put no confidence in ourselves, namely, relying on any power or wisdom apart from God (John 15:5).
- (Philippians 3:7-11): Gain and Loss — *The loss of all other treasures for the gain of Christ.*
 - In comparison to Christ, all other things, pursuits, and people are secondary in value and pursuit. Christ can only hold one of two positions in our lives: our supreme treasure or rubbish. Every person has a supreme treasure in their lives and all things revolve around that supreme treasure (self, family, money, comfort, entertainment).
 - Why is Christ worthy of being our supreme treasure? *Only He can provide a righteousness that saves me eternally. Only He can help me put to death the sin that desires to kill me. Only He can give purpose to the sufferings of this life. Only He can give me ultimate satisfaction, joy, and victory over Hell and death.*
- (Philippians 3:12-16): Gain and Loss — *The loss of all other comforts for the gain of Christ.*
 - We join God in the process of making us more like Christ as we forget what lies behind us because of His grace and forgiveness, we strain and press on for Christlikeness no matter the cost, by continuing to believe God’s Word no matter what, by God’s strength, comforted by God’s comfort, for God’s glory.
- (Philippians 3:17-21): Gain and Loss — *The loss of all worldly desires, dreams, and glory for the gain of Christ.*
 - Enemies of the cross are those who are eternally lost because their god is their sinful or emotional desires, they glory in treasuring something other than Christ, and their minds do not consider eternity but worldly gain.
- (Philippians 4:1-8): Gain and Loss — *The loss of peace and security in this world for the gain of Christ.*
 - We humble ourselves in conflict, we live so that the world would see our transformation in Christ, we live as if Christ is with us and cares for us, we lay our well being at His feet, and we think and live according to what is true.

Worship: God Is For Us — CityAlight Tis So Sweet — Various Artists

Be Thou My Vision — Norton Hall Band **Closing Song:** It Is Well — Sovereign Grace Music

Service Times: Sundays: Biblical View of Prayer 4/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

★**PAINING VOLUNTEERS:** On Friday, March 10th, and Saturday, March 11th, from 8am to 4pm we will be painting the church entryway! We are looking for people to volunteer for at least one of the two hour time slots on one or both of those days! There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to help us with this project. All of the supplies will be provided, we just need able bodied volunteers who are willing to give us a couple hours of their time to paint during that weekend. If you have any questions, please see Emily Decker.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of March we will be collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The HeartCry Missionary Society works with indigenous missionaries whom God has raised up for Himself in some of the most remote places on the earth. It is their goal to provide whatever training and resources necessary to advance the Gospel through these indigenous missionaries around the world. There will be a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also donate through Venmo, please be sure to note that the donation is for HeartCry!

★**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:** We will be celebrating our 6th anniversary as a church on Sunday, March 26th! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to hear the gospel proclaimed and to join us for this celebration!