

“The Theology of “Holy Days”: *The Real Need of Corporate Worship in a Broken World*” (Part 6)
Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

“What Solomon wants to show us is that the real basis of wisdom is a frank acknowledgement that this world’s course is enigmatic (difficult or impossible to understand), that much of what happens is quite inexplicable (unable to be explained) to us, and that many occurrences on this planet will bear no outward sign of a rational, moral God ordering them.” (JI Packer)

*“In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: **God has made** the one as well as the other, so that **man may not find out** anything that will be after him.” (Ecclesiastes 7:14)*

*“Then I saw all **the work of God**, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, **he will not find it out**. Even though a wise man claims to know, **he cannot find out**.” (Ecclesiastes 8:17)*

*“As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so **you do not know the work of God who makes everything**.” (Ecclesiastes 11:5)*

- Five truths that we need reminded of in a broken world:
 - 1) God is in absolute sovereign control over all things.
 - 2) There are certain things that man cannot know, and that is good for us.
 - 3) Life is full of prosperity and adversity, and that is good for us.
 - 4) God doesn’t owe us an explanation.
 - 5) One of Corporate Worship’s goals is to recalibrate us to TRUTH and REALITY.

“We don’t own our lives because life is a gift of God. We are stewards of what we have been given and one day we will give an account to God of what we have done with His gift. Our joy and delight hinges on belief in this.” (Warren Wiersbe)

“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

- Six more truths we need reminded of in a broken world:
 - 1) The whole duty of man is to fear God and obey God.
 - 2) To fear God is to lovingly submit to Him no matter what.
 - 3) To obey God is to make His Word a priority to know and practice no matter what.
 - 4) God knows and sees everything.
 - 5) You will be judged by God.
 - 6) One of Corporate Worship’s goals is to remind me of these truths.

“God created life and He alone knows how it should be lived and stewarded. Any thoughts that would make me believe I know better than God must be put to death for the sake of my joy and delight.” (John Piper)

Worship: Glorious Christ — Sovereign Grace Music
In Christ Alone — The Gettys

How Great Thou Art — Various Artists

Closing Song: Tis So Sweet — Norton Hall Band

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

Announcements:

★**WOMEN'S FALL GET-TOGETHER:** Ladies, mark your calendars, we are planning a Women's Fall Get-Together on Saturday, October 14th, at 3pm, here at the church Fellowship Hall! The church will provide coffee, tea, hot cider, and cookies. Feel free to bring a finger food or dessert to share! This is a great way to make new connections or just catch up with friends. Children are welcome, but no child care will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Andrea Fields.

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a short meeting ***TONIGHT*** immediately following the worship service to vote on the potential switch to a morning worship service time. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting.

★**DONATIONS:** NEXT Sunday will be the last day we are collecting monetary donations for the Christian Union Co-op. This is the general fund out of which the denomination aids individual churches within the denomination, as well as paying for repairs and upkeep of the State Home Office. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Christian Union.

★**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** If you currently serve in or are interested in serving in the Children's Ministry, we will be having a meeting on Sunday, October 1st, immediately following the worship service. Please plan on staying for this important meeting!

★**LIGONIER CONFERENCE:** We are working to get a group of 10 or more people together to attend Ligonier's Columbus conference on February 16th-17th. The conference starts at 6:30pm on Friday the 16th and you can see the full schedule at Ligonier.org. The group rate for 10 or more is \$98 per person. Currently, we need at least 1 more person to commit to attending before October 20th so we can guarantee the group rate price. Please see Emily Decker for details or if you wish to be added to the list.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** For anyone interested in becoming a church member, we are offering a 3 week New Members Class starting on Sunday, October 8th. This class will be held for 3 consecutive Sundays, from 4-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in this class. This class is also open to any current church members who are interested in learning more about our Church By-Laws.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner *NEXT* Sunday, September 24th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!