

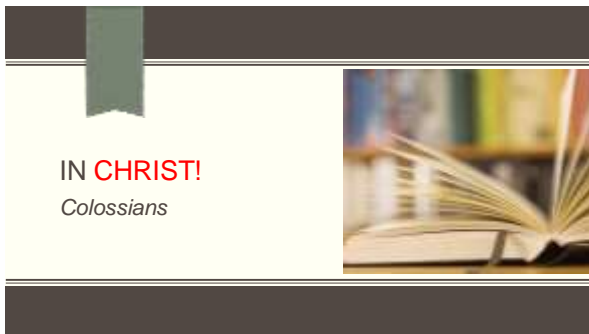
WhatsApp received 25 Dec 2015

Sometimes I wonder why you serve,  
A complacent flock of annoying dissent,  
Why you care for a sea of forgetful men, whose lives distill of truths and lies,  
often themselves arrogant and blind,  
And Christmas reminds again, that God was one who did the same,  
For despite the ills of men He strangely loved,  
And sacrificed the Son for paupers and kings,  
The just and unjust He coveted the same, only because of the blood of the Lamb,  
Thank you my brother, for helping us find, in this church - each to his Christ,  
And despite we all who are one but different, you patiently point us to the God  
who lovingly change us.  
Thank you dear brother, God bless you and your family everyday.



## PPCC Pulpit 2015 : Christ-centeredness!

- Colossians
- Isaiah 53
- Philemon
- Hebrews highlights



### Context: Self-Centered Perceptions of Spirituality

- 2:8 Traditionalism / Legalism
  - rites and rituals
- 2:18 Experientialism / Mysticism
  - worship of angels
- 2:20-22 Asceticism
  - self-denial

### In CHRIST!

- Theme of the epistle to the Colossians (& tri-city churches)
- Live the new life completely IN the incomparable CHRIST

### In CHRIST!

- FIRSTBORN
- = Pre-eminent
- i.e. First Place

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – FEB 2015  
COLOSSIANS 1:17**

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – FEB 2015  
COLOSSIANS 1:18**

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Singing Christology

- ❖ Pre-eminent in Creation (15-17)
  - ☐ Visible and invisible, principalities and powers
- ❖ Pre-eminent over the Church (18-20)
  - ☐ Who He is, and what He did

Christ: Broken to Reconcile

- Colossians 1:20
- And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself;....

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – MAR 2015  
ISAIAH 53:5**

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

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**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – APR 2015  
COLOSSIANS 3:1**

If ye then be risen with Christ,  
seek those things which are above,  
where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.



**CHRIST - CENTERED  
LIVING IN A POST-  
MODERN WORLD**

Colossians 4:2-6



Postmodern school of thought

'There are no truths,  
only interpretations'

Christ – centered Living in a Post-Modern World

Check your perspective & presentation

- Who am I thinking about? (4:2-4)
- How am I reflecting truth? (4:5-6)

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – JULY 2015  
PSALM 19:14**

Let the words of my mouth, and the  
meditation of my heart, be acceptable in  
thy sight,  
O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.



## HAZE ACTION PLAN


- 1. Check the PSI**  
- Is it acceptable to God?
- 2. Wear Your Mask**  
- Do not partake, but expose!

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – MAY 2015**  
**PSALMS 19:7**

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
converting the soul:  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple

**CHRIST - CENTERED**  
**CHANGE = PURITY**

Colossians 3:5-7




**PURSUING PURITY**  
IN A SEXUALIZED CULTURE

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### Feeling the pulse... spiritual progress in Christ?

- Experience the present reality of spiritual progress in Christ
  - Display continuing faith in Christ
  - Display love towards all believers



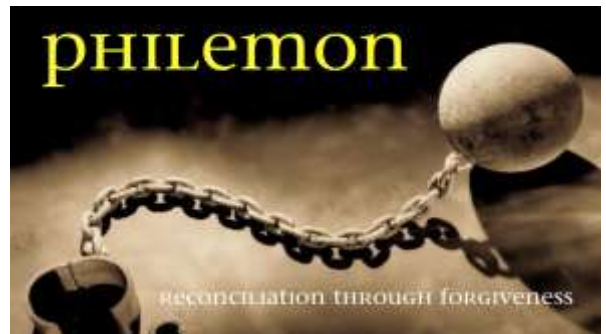
### CHRIST - CENTERED CHANGE = UNITY

Colossians 3:8-15



### Christ – centered Change = Unity

- Change your responses to others
  - Put off hostile responses (8-11)
  - Put on loving responses (12-15)



### Healing hurt, Reconciling relationships

**Forgiveness** brings  
healing and reconciliation







Colossians 4:7-18  
16 August 2015

Teamwork, Teamwork, Teamwork !

- Serve faithfully in the team
- Serve lovingly in the team
- Serve passionately in the team



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Col. 3:16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

**INFINITELY SUPERIOR!**

*Hebrews Highlights*

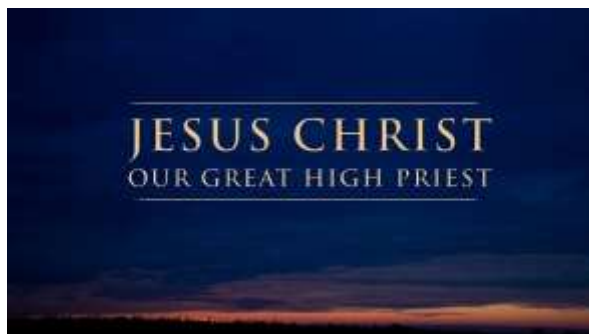




## Christ is Superior!



Theme:  
Christ is infinitely superior, choose Him!



## Come boldly to His throne

Christ is our Great High Priest

- He experienced the extreme
  - He sympathizes with us!
- He passed every test
  - He is qualified to help!



## Hebrews. 2:1-3

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard...  
For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

Hebrews. 2:1-3

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How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him...

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – SEP 2015**  
**HEBREWS 12:14**

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.



Are we consumer Christians?

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Christianity is not Consumerism, but **Commitment**

- Commitment to Christ
- Commitment to His people

Christ is Superior!

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**I must choose**  
**CHRIST or SELF**

**DISCIPLINE:**  
**THE GOOD,**  
**THE BAD, &**  
**THE UGLY**

Hebrews 12:4-11



Discipline: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly!

God's discipline is **GOOD**  
 although I may feel it's **BAD**  
 my response must not be **UGLY**

Discipline: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly!

**“Chastening” (KJV)**

***Paideia***

*Disciplined training, correction,  
 instruction, nurture*

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – OCT 2015**  
**HEBREWS 13:5**

Let your conversation (lifestyle) be without  
 covetousness; and be content with  
 such things as ye have:  
 for he hath said, I will never (never) leave thee,  
nor (never never) forsake thee.

**JOSHUA 1:5**

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail (let go) thee,  
nor forsake (abandon) thee.

**Faith Lessons!**

Heb.11

Theme:

Look up in faith to a faithful God!

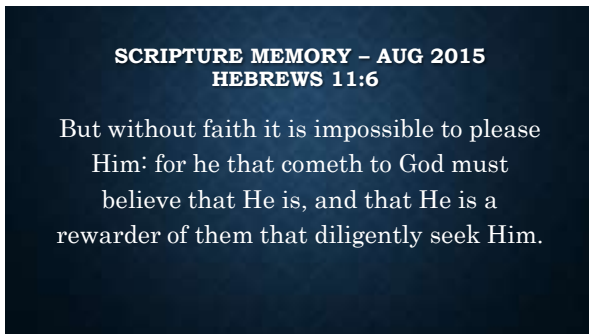


### Faith Lessons! (1-16)

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Look up in faith to a faithful God!

- Believe God exists
- Believe God rewards
- Believe God keeps His Word

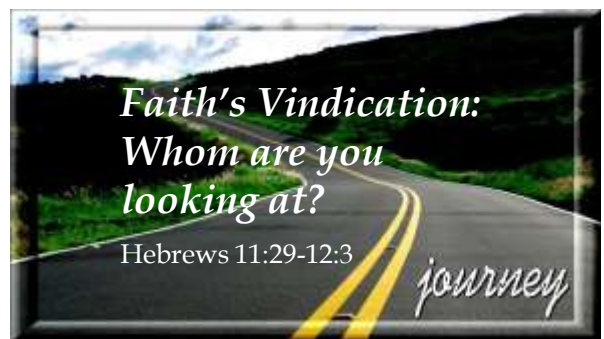


### Faith in Action! (17-38)

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Look up in faith to a faithful God!

- Pass the test
- Take the risk
- Stay the course





Faith's Vindication: Whom are you looking at?

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▪ Heb. 12:2

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Thomas Dehany Bernard: The progress of doctrine in the New Testament considered in 8 lectures (1968), 183-184

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"...Believers are in Christ, so as to be partakers in all that he does and has and is. They died with him, and rose with him, and live with him, and in him are seated in heavenly places. When the eye of God looks on them they are found in Christ, and there is no condemnation to those that are in Him, and they are righteous in his righteousness, and loved with the love which rests on him, and are sons of God in his sonship, and heirs with him in his inheritance, and are soon to be glorified with him in his glory..."

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"...The churches are in Christ; the persons are in Christ. They are found in Christ, and preserved in Christ. They are saved and sanctified in Christ, are rooted and built up and made perfect in Christ. Their ways are ways that be in Christ, their conversation is a good conversation in Christ, their faith hope love joy, their whole life is in Christ. They think, they speak, they walk in Christ. They labour and suffer, they sorrow and rejoice, they conquer and triumph "in the Lord." They receive each other and love each other "in the Lord..."

