

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD – 10:15AM

Humility & Stewardship

Welcome & Opening Prayer: Prayer [*Pastor Steve*]

- James 5:1-5 is our passage today. Over the past 2 Sundays our Scripture passages have given us a focus on humility in action: humility in our speech (4:11-12), humility in our schedule (4:13-17), and today we come to chapter 5 and be exhorted by James to embrace a humble minded view regarding the stewardship of our resources.
- True humility with our resources begins with Satisfaction in Christ. In our service today, we want to exalt Christ who is our greatest treasure and sufficiency.

Pastoral prayer for humility in our stewardship of resources [*Pastor Steve*]

CHRIST OUR TREASURE

If we desire to honor Christ with our resources, we must remember that Christ is our greatest treasure and that He is our sufficiency. These next 2 songs exalt Christ as our greatest treasure. He is our foundation, hope, security and confidence.

Congregational Song: The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

Congregational Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Scripture: Jesus' perspective on treasures - Matthew 6:19-24 [Pastor Bernie]

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust^[e] destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.^[f]

CHRIST OUR SUFFICIENCY

Jesus is our greatest treasure and our complete sufficiency. No personal merit or earthly riches will satisfy our deepest need and greatest longing. Christ is our all in all. His finished work is enough. Our security is in Him alone. As Paul writes in Colossians 3:3b, “your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Scripture Reading: Christ is Sufficient

Nothing I've done could merit God's grace;
Nothing I'll do can take it away.
I have one hope, in life and death:
I have been clothed in Christ's righteousness.

*Christ is sufficient! His work is finished!
He is my faith's Author and End;
Christ is enough—my Savior and Friend!*

Nothing remains since Jesus has died;
Justice was paid; the Judge satisfied.
Great is my sin; greater His love;
I have been cleansed with Calvary's blood!

*Christ is sufficient! His work is finished!
He is my faith's Author and End;
Christ is enough—my Savior and Friend!*

Nothing I've sought on earth satisfies;
I was designed to thirst after Christ.
Beckoned by Him, “Drink and be filled.”
I am content, yet yearn for Him still.

*Christ is sufficient! His work is finished!
He is my faith's Author and End;
Christ is enough—my Savior and Friend!*

Nothing but Christ can undo the Fall.
He will return to reign over all.
Come to us, Lord; right ev'ry wrong;
Soon the redeemed will join heaven's song.

Scripture Reading: This is the Word of God

This is the word of God
This is the truth you have believed
This is the word the prophets searched
To see God's plan fulfilled
This is the Spirit's voice
Not from the will of Man
And though all Men will fall
We know the word of God will stand

This is our only hope
Redeemed with Jesus' precious blood
Saved from the empty way of life
Through faith and hope in God
And since you call on him
Who judges all the earth
Live your lives in reverent fear
Remembering your redeemer's worth

This is the word of God
That even angels long to read
They wonder at the work of Christ
To meet our greatest need
And though we cannot see
And trials test our faith
Our God will be our joy
And our belief will be his praise

We have been born again
Through Jesus rising from the dead
We know that our inheritance
Won't perish, spoil or fade
This is our living hope
The mercy of the Lord
Who by his power will shield
All those who hold him to his word

Children 3-K5 dismissed to Junior Church

Message: James 5:1-6 [Pastor Steve]

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴ Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

Closing Song: O Great God

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war

You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

Closing Announcements: *[Pastor Bernie]*

Tonight at 6:00pm – Evening service with a mission's emphasis – We will be hearing updates from several of our missionaries.

Summer Teen Camp forms are due today – See Pastor Joel with questions

Next Sunday, January 30th – Deacon Care Groups