



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Title: A Journey of Christ-Likeness

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. 17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. 18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.” (Philippians 2:12–18)

INTRODUCTION

1. The _____ to Represent

A. The _____ in the Representation

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.” (John 14:15)

“And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” (1 Samuel 15:22)

B. The _____ of the Representation

“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;” (Philippians 1:27)

C. The _____ in the Representation

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9)

“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.” (James 2:17)

“There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9)

2. The _____ to Represent

A. The _____ of the Enabling

“Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?” (Isaiah 43:13)

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,” (Ephesians 3:20)

B. The _____ of the Enabling

THE DESIRE

“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.” (2 Corinthians 5:14)

THE DYNAMIC

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” (John 14:12)

3. The _____ of Representing

A. The _____ in the Example

“Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.” (James 3:10)

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5–6)

B. The _____ in the Example

“And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.” (Luke 1:6)

“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.” (Matthew 10:16)

“Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.” (2 Peter 3:14)

“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” (Proverbs 4:23)

C. The _____ Observing the Example

“For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.” (John 3:20)

Definition: *crooked*—dishonesty, deceit, and corruption of the world

Definition: *perverse*—the perverted, depraved, twisted behavior and thinking of the world

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14–16)

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And by holding forth the Word of God. Lift up the Word of God!” (Hebrews 10:23)

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

*“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.”
(2 Corinthians 5:20)*

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mark 16:15-16)

4. The _____ of Representing

A. The _____ in the Effect

“His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” (Matthew 25:21)

B. The _____ in the Effect

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9)

C. The _____ in the Effect

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21)

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

CONCLUSION

