



HMCC ONLINE CONFERENCE

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*Dear church family.*

We're excited to have our first-ever HMCC Online Conference just around the corner!

We know that many of us are entering this year beaten down and even broken, and what we need most is not hype for an event or a series of inspirational talks, but we need Jesus! It's only in Jesus that we find hope, for he was beaten and broken for us, yet he rose from the grave! So even now, he says to us, "Take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) and "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

So as we enter this conference, we're not trying to get ourselves hyped up, but we're simply responding to Jesus' loving and gracious invitation. And to whom else shall we go? Jesus has the words of eternal life, and we have believed and have come to know that he is the Holy One of God (John 6:68-69).

The theme for the HMCC Online Conference (and for the year) is "Reverberate," which means "to continue in or as if in a series of echoes," and comes from Colossians 3:16:

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

As a church, we're praying that God's Word would continue to echo in all of our activities, conversations, relationships, thoughts, and actions. But in order for that to happen, we need to first let the word of Christ

dwell in us richly, so that our reverberation of God's Word is not obligation but from an overflow from our intimacy with and love for Christ.

So as we're reading God's Word together in the daily devotional provided for the week of the conference, as we're singing out God's Word together, as we're hearing God's Word preached together, and as we're praying God's Word back to him together, our prayer is that we would grow in intimacy with Christ together as a church.

And as we encounter our living Savior and King, Jesus Christ, may our lives never be the same. May he convict us of our sin, assure us of his forgiveness, consume us in his love, move us to passionate worship, and compel us to live wholeheartedly for him.

And as a church, may we be reminded that we ought not to be alone (and indeed we are not alone), but just as burning coals are placed together to burn brighter and hotter, God has placed us together so that we would help one another to burn brighter and hotter in our love for Jesus.

So may our prayer together be: "Ignite our hearts, Lord, that we may burn for you."

We're excited for all that God will do, for he is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Love,  
Your Pastors







# Daily Devotions

for the Week of the Conference

1 February 2021

## Monday

Colossians 3:1-4

*<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

### STUDY POINTS

- What is the main instruction that Paul is giving to the Colossians (verses 1-2) and what is his reasoning for this instruction (verses 3-4)?
- How does this passage relate to Jesus?
- How can you personally “set your mind on things above” today and this week?

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for hearts that are seeking and longing for Christ as our churches prepare for the Online Conference. Pray that we won’t be distracted (even by “good things”) as we focus our minds on Christ during the Conference.
- Pray for Pastor Paul Kim, his family, and his ministry. Pray for God to speak through Pastor Paul as he delivers God’s Word to us.





# Tuesday

Colossians 3:5-8

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

<sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

## STUDY POINTS

- How do these prohibitions relate to the instructions and reasoning given in Colossians 3:1-4?
- What do these prohibitions teach you about God and His desires for you?
- Is there some attitude you need to change in obedience to God's Word in these verses?

## PRAYER POINTS

- Spend time developing a heart of repentance as you confess your sins by faith in Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
- Pray for our growth in light of the gospel: a growing love for Christ and a growing hatred for sin. Pray for spiritual maturity in our churches this year, and that the Online Conference will be a significant milestone for our churches.

# Wednesday

Colossians 3:9-11

<sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

## STUDY POINTS

- What can you learn about the Colossian church and their situation to which the letter is written?
- How is the prohibition (to not lie to one another) related to divisions in the church (verse 11)?
- How does this passage relate to Jesus and the result of the work he has accomplished on the cross?
- How does this passage call on you to change the way you view others in your church?

## PRAYER POINTS

- Do you see any aspects of our church we could grow in to be a more biblical church? Pray to the Lord regarding these aspects.
- Pray that we would continue to maintain unity in our church body, despite the hindrances due to the pandemic. Pray for healthy discipleship relationships in our church and that we would grow as "gospel friends on gospel mission."





# Thursday

## Colossians 3:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

### STUDY POINTS

- What is the main instruction in these verses? How do these verses relate to Colossians 3:9-11?
- How does being chosen and forgiven by God relate to this set of instructions for the church?
- How does this passage challenge (or confirm) how you relate with others in your church?

### PRAYER POINTS

- Spend time in thanksgiving as you remember what Christ has accomplished to forgive us of our sins. Lift up specific and personal praises to the Lord.
- Pray for a deeper understanding of the gospel during the Online Conference. Pray for a spirit of generous forgiveness for one another in our church body as we grow in the gospel.

# Friday

## Colossians 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### STUDY POINTS

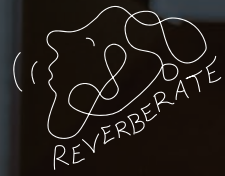
- What is the main instruction in verse 16? What supporting points does Paul (the writer) make?
- How do these verses relate to the earlier parts of Colossians 3?
- How does this passage call on you to change the way you live with one another in the church?

### PRAYER POINTS

- Lift up prayers of commitment to the Lord, committing to live the remaining days of this year for the glory of Jesus Christ. Pray personally for faith and faithfulness in the Lord.
- Pray that we will faithfully *reverberate* God's Word this year, attentively engaging at the Online Conference, thoughtfully internalizing, and faithfully sharing what we have learned. Pray for the fruit of joyful obedience in our churches after the Conference.







# February 2021

	FRI 5	SAT 6	SUN 7
09:00		<b>SESSION 2</b> "For Beggars and Children" · Luke 18:9-30, 35-43 09:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>SESSION 4 (Joint SC)</b> "The Fruit of the Spirit: Living Out of Having Already Received" · Galatians 5:19-26 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
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11:00		Suggested open time for LIFE Group (or LGs) to fellowship 11:00 AM 06:00 PM	
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19:00		<b>SESSION 3</b> "A Gospel for the Shamed" · Genesis 2:25, 3:6-10, John 4:1-26 07:00 PM 09:00 PM	LG Sharing Time during Session 3 (If you are not currently in an LG, you will be invited to join an existing LG for the Saturday night session. If you are not contacted by Friday, 5 Feb regarding your assigned LG, please WA Josephine. Number is listed on our registration email)
20:00	<b>SESSION 1</b> "Living by Grace and Faith" · Galatians 3:1-9 07:30 PM 09:00 PM		
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# Session

## HANDOUTS

## Living by Grace and Faith

Galatians 3:1-9

### I. The gospel is how we begin and how we live the Christian life (vv. 1-5)

- A. This is a big deal!
  - 1. Are you so foolish? Have you suffered in vain?
- B. Look at Christ crucified (v. 1)
  - 1. The cross says I was in serious trouble and was helpless to save myself.
  - 2. The cross says I cannot produce true good works. In myself, I am completely powerless to do anything righteous or pleasing to God, then or now.
- C. Look at how you received the Holy Spirit (vv. 2, 5)
  - 1. We can't do anything to merit God's favor- ever. It's always a gift.
  - 2. The gospel is not just about the free gift of salvation but also about God's gracious work in sustaining, sanctifying and glorifying us.

### II. Those who live by faith are children of Abraham and inherit his blessings (vv. 6-9)

- A. Paul makes a parallel with the Galatians believers (and us) and Abraham.
  - 1. Main point: Those who live by faith are children of Abraham and inherit his blessings.
  - 2. Message: The people of God have always received by faith, not by effort or law.
- B. Looking at Abraham's faith
  - 1. Abraham had a promise-believing faith: See Genesis 12:3-4; Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:18-21; Hebrews 11:17-19.
  - 2. Application: Believe God's promises



#### Reflection & Discussion Questions

1. What's so wrong with believing that we must live the Christian life by effort? Why is Paul so upset about this?
2. In what ways do we live the Christian life by effort?
3. How does the account of Abraham's faith re-shape our view of the Christian life?
4. Why do you think we try to live by effort instead of faith? Why is it hard to live by faith?
5. What would happen if we focused on trusting in God's promises?





## Praying with Bible Promises

1. Form small groups (in breakout rooms). Choose a facilitator to introduce the different movements.
2. Spend about 5-6 minutes to review the selected promises from the Bible (see "Bible Promises" section below)
3. Pray "popcorn style" or "conversationally": people can offer short prayers. People don't need to go in order but feel free to jump in as they feel led.
4. Offer praises for some of God's promises for a few minutes.
  - "Lord, I praise you for You are gracious and merciful. That is Your heart, Your nature. Your posture toward us is love, not anger. I praise you because You are good to us. You are good to me."
5. Claim God's promises for yourself for a significant amount of time.
  - "Lord, I feel like I don't have enough. I don't have enough time, enough strength, enough talent, enough money. I feel poor. But You promise that what You've prepared for us is more than what anyone has seen or heard or even imagined! You promise that I am rich beyond my wildest dreams! I have so much!"
  - "Lord, You promise that when we seek Your kingdom first, all other things will be added. I claim that promise. I believe that as I seek You this weekend, that as I seek to serve and honor and trust You, that You will take care of my family, my job demands, my finances."
6. Claim God's promises for others for a significant amount of time.
  - "Lord, my friend is discouraged and disheartened. Life has been so difficult. But You are her Good Shepherd. Surely You will take care of her. You will lead her to green pastures and beside quiet water. Surely You will restore her. Be her Good Shepherd today."
7. Debrief about your experience together (if you have time).
  - What was it like for you to pray with God's promises?
  - How was it different from how you usually pray? What differences were there in your posture, your focus, your feeling, your faith?
  - How does this reflect the difference we studied in Galatians 3 (living by effort versus by faith)?

# Bible Promises

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Psalms 145:8**

Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

**Isaiah 49:15**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

**Lamentations 3:22-23**

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 8:38-39**

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

**1 John 4:4**

Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

**John 4:13-14**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**John 10:10**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

**1 John 3:1**

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

**Philippians 3:20-21**

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.

**1 Corinthians 2:9**

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

**Isaiah 43:25**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Psalms 103:2-5**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**1 John 1:9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

**Ephesians 1:3**

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**





Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

**Psalms 32:10**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Psalms 23:1-3**

The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.

**Psalms 118:6-7**

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**Isaiah 40:30-31**

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Isaiah 41:10**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**Matthew 11:28-30**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

**John 14:27**

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**Romans 8:28**

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**Romans 8:32**

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**Matthew 6:33**

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:19**

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

**2 Peter 1:3**

Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

**John 16:24**

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

**Luke 11:13**

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

"Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

**1 Corinthians 15:54-55**

I will never leave you nor forsake you.

**Hebrews 13:5**

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**Matthew 28:20**



## For Beggars and Children

Luke 18:9-30, 35-43

### I. Four stories of those who find mercy in Jesus Christ

#### A. Tax Collector & Blind Beggar (9-14, 35-43)

1. The tax collector saw his need for forgiveness.
2. The blind beggar saw his need for healing.
3. They both had the same "posture": they came weak, undeserving, and bankrupt.

#### B. Children (15-17)

1. "Receive the kingdom of God like a child" refers to children's humility, weakness and insignificance in the world.
2. Children can only receive kindness, grace, mercy all the time.

#### C. Rich Ruler

1. In contrast, the rich ruler had everything: wealth, power and privileges.
2. Jesus makes clear that being rich has a distinct disadvantage in finding eternal life.
3. The danger of having wealth and power is that it can blind us from our spiritual bankruptcy before God.

#### D. Giving Up Our Possessions and Family

1. Peter says, "We have left all we have to follow you." Jesus replies that those who have left their homes and family will surely receive many times more, and in the age to come, eternal life.
2. But, we are **not** saved by sacrificial altruism or asceticism or any other good work.
3. Rather, the spiritually powerless and bankrupt realize they have nothing to lose and everything to gain.
  - Revelation 3:17-18: For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
4. The good news for us, once we realize our spiritual bankruptcy, is that God is a God of mercy.

### II. Three lessons about this humble posture

#### A. This humble posture is the posture in which we enter and live in the Kingdom of God.

#### B. Weakness and troubles can help us learn this humble posture.

#### C. We can practice this humble posture with prayer and repentance.

1. Prayer is an acknowledgement and expression of our need, that we are weak and God is strong.
2. Repentance is an acknowledgement and expression of our need of mercy and forgiveness as sinners before God.



**Reflection & Discussion Questions**

1. Review the four stories in Luke 18:9-30, 35-43 again as you assess your posture in your relationship with Jesus.
2. How have your wealth, power and privileges (no matter how little or how much you have) blinded you from truly seeing your spiritual bankruptcy before God? Why must we accept our spiritual bankruptcy in order to truly be saved, to truly believe in the gospel and to truly be Christ's disciple?
3. What are your tendencies in the situations that make you feel weak, powerless and undeserving? How do you see God exposing in you a lack of humility and growing in you a greater dependence on Him?
4. What can be specific, practical ways for you to develop a proper humble posture before God in the coming weeks?
5. In personal prayer, confess sin and our spiritual bankruptcy before God. With a **humble posture**, confidently ask and receive God's mercy again (or even for the first time)! Lift up prayers of thanksgiving to Jesus Christ for he died on the cross in order to offer us his mercy, healing and forgiveness. Ask the Holy Spirit to form this humble posture in you as you continue to cling to the gospel.

*A Gospel for the Shamed*

Genesis 2:25, 3:6-10, John 4:1-26

**I. Consider the gospel from the perspective of shame (Genesis 2:25, 3:6-10).**

- A. We live in a world of shame
  1. Things we've done
  2. Things we haven't done
  3. What others have done
- B. We feel guilt because we *did* something wrong; we feel shame because we *are* something wrong (Lewis Smedes).

**II. Consider the story of the Samaritan woman (John 4:1-26).**

- A. The underlying problem of shame is the fear of rejection.
  1. When the worst is already known, and love is still given, there is nothing left to fear.
  2. What frees us from shame is to know that we are completely accepted and loved.
- B. What is the gospel in light of shame that we experience?
  1. Reflection in children
  2. Reflection in marriage
  3. The church preaches the gospel to one another by showing unconditional acceptance.

**Reflection & Discussion Questions**

1. What are some of the experiences in my life that have caused (or still cause) me to feel ashamed? In what ways do I connect these feelings of shame with who I am?
2. How do I respond to shame: Do I cover myself? Do I make myself acceptable, presentable, or admirable? Do I work harder or serve more? Do I build walls of self-protection? Do I keep secrets?
3. Preach the gospel to myself: The gospel is that I repent of my/our sinful responses to feelings of shame. Then I trust that in Christ, I am already accepted and loved. I want Jesus to help me cover my shame, but Jesus wants to free me from my shame!
4. How has shame affected how I relate to God my Father? How should this "gospel for the shamed" change how I relate to Him?
5. How has shame affected how I relate to other people in my life (e.g. spouse, children, parents, friends, church family)? How should this "gospel for the shamed" change how I relate to them?







# The Fruit of the Spirit: Living Out of Having Already Received

Galatians 5:19-26

## LIFE Group Sharing & Prayer Time

1. In your LG (and guests), take turns to share your thoughts from the reflection/discussion questions above. Try to be open and vulnerable, as personally compelled to by the gospel freeing you!
2. LG leader(s), allocate enough time for each person to share: perhaps 3-5 minutes each person, depending on how many people in the breakout room and individuals' comfort level.
3. Be led by the Holy Spirit during this time. For example, allow people to share longer if they are compelled to share something deeply personal; pausing and praying for someone who shared; sharing an encouraging word in response, etc.
4. Remember that everything that is shared by people in this time should be kept confidential. Nothing should be repeated or shared without permission.



## I. The Works of the Flesh vs. The Fruit of the Spirit

Works of the Flesh		Fruit of the Spirit
Sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery	Sexual sins	Love, joy, peace
Idolatry, witchcraft	Religious sins	Patience, kindness, goodness
Hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy	Relational sins	Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
Drunkenness, orgies	Sins of excess	
"Not getting what we feel we deserve"		"Getting more than what we feel we deserve"
"Living to get"		"Living out of having already received"

## II. Four Related Thoughts

- A. The Spirit awakens our spiritual senses; He helps us to "see."
- B. The Spirit's main work is to show us Jesus.
- C. Living in the Spirit corresponds to the life of faith found throughout Scripture.
- D. We want to share the gospel with others.



## Reflection & Discussion Questions

1. The works of the flesh can be summarized in categories (sexual sin, religious sin, relational sins, sins of excess), in an attitude ("not getting what we feel we deserve"), or in a motive ("living to get"). How have you been specifically living in the flesh?
2. How has the Spirit helped you to "see" and embrace Jesus in your everyday life—in both the highs and lows? How has that shown in the fruit of the Spirit—summarized in godly character (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control), in an attitude ("getting more than what we feel we deserve") and a motive ("living out of having already received")?
3. Who are people around you that you can pray for and share Jesus with as an overflow of your own fullness in him? What hinders you from sharing Jesus with others, and how can those hindrances be addressed?

