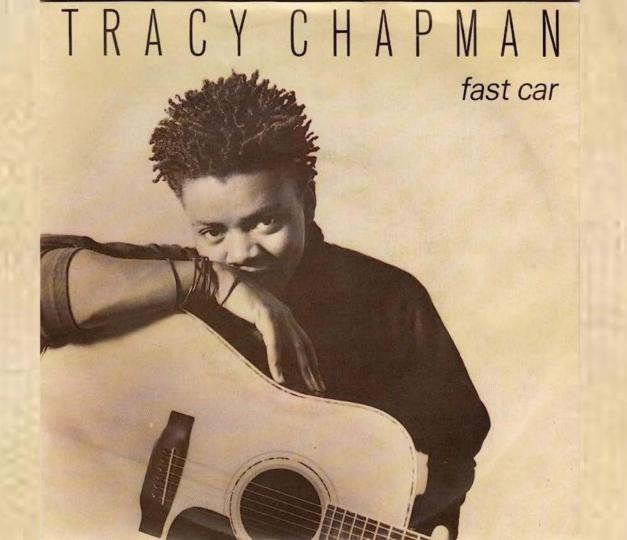


Summer Sermon Series



This Week's Sermon

"Welcome into the Heart of Things" Psalm 96

<u>Psalm 96</u>

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Psalm 96

- 4 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.
 - 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
 - 6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.
 - 10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."

 The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- 12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
- let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

 13 Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,
 - he comes to judge the earth.
 - He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

1. Themes of Psalm 96

2. Truffle Pigs & Contested Ideas 3. The End of Longing

Our Response

- Sing 3X
 - Praise
- Proclaim
 - Declare
- Ascribe 3x
 - Worship
 - Say
- <u>Creation:</u> Rejoice, be glad, resound, be jubilant, rejoice

To God

- Salvation
- Glory, Deeds
- Great, to be feared
 - Creator
- Splendor, Majesty,
- Strength, Glory, Holiness
- Judging with equity,
 righteousness, faithfulness

Seeing God clearly for who He is causes our hearts to burst into song.

Tell the Nations

- 2 Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Because God is the REAL DEAL

4 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols,

but the Lord made the heavens.



Psalm 115:3-4,8

3 Our God is in heaven;

he does whatever pleases him.

4 But their idols are silver and gold,

made by human hands.

8 Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

"What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

God is the Good Judge

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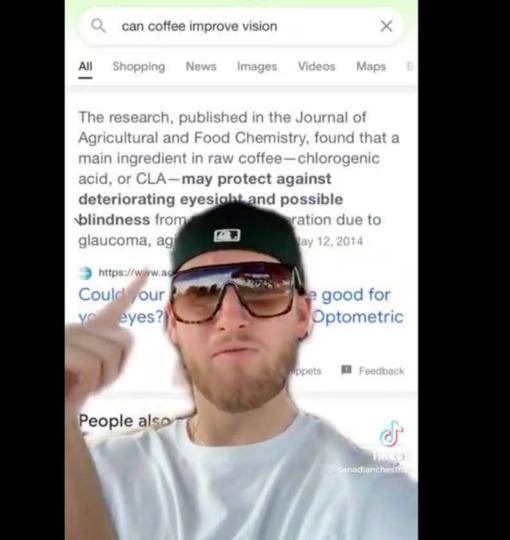
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"Our secular age has produced an explosion of possible belief systems, all of which are endlessly contested and all of which make the idea of transcendent God less conceivable. As a result, our beliefs are more fragile and more individual, and less open to outside influence. We are buffered selves, protected behind a barrier of individual choice, rationalism, and a disenchanted world."

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The Doctrine of Revelation

Revelation is the process by which the living God has made Himself known to humanity. It can be defined as "God's supernatural disclosure to human beings of truth they would not otherwise know and are incapable of discovering on their own."

The fact that Jesus Christ is God the Son can only be known through divine revelation—it could not be attained through any human means....God reveals these truths through the Person of the Holy Spirit; the third Person of the Holy Trinity.

~Don Stewart,

Matthew 11:27

27 "All things have been committed to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."



Worship of God overflows into mission.

4 reasons people attach to a church:

Place



Personality

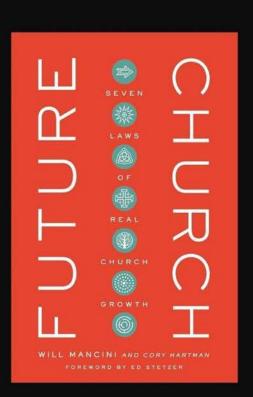


Programs



People





Hope's Vision Statement

We exist to honor God by helping as many people as possible become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

What We're About:

BIBLICALLY FOCUSED

PRAYER AND CARE

COMMUNITY

SERVING THE CITY

HOSPITALITY

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

WISION HIGHLIGHT



THURSDAY AUGUST 1ST



DINNER & ICE CREAM

6:00PM-8:00PM

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Psalm 96:7-8

8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.



"In the end that Face which is the delight or the terror of the universe must be turned upon each of us either with one expression or with the other, either conferring glory inexpressible or inflicting shame that can never be cured or disguised. I read in a periodical the other day that the fundamental thing is how we think of God. By God Himself, it is not!"

"How God thinks of us is not only more important, but infinitely more important. Indeed, how we think of Him is of no importance except insofar as it is related to how He thinks of us. It is written that we shall "stand before" Him, shall appear, shall be inspected. The promise of glory is the promise, almost incredible and only possible by the work of Christ, that some of us, that any of us who really chooses, shall actually survive that examination, shall find approval, shall please God.

"To please God...to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness...to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a son—it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain, but so it is."



~C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

"For glory means good report with God, acceptance by God, response, acknowledgement, and welcome into the heart of things. The door on which we have been knocking all our lives will open at last."



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Ephesians 2:13

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.



"Meanwhile the cross comes before the crown and tomorrow is a Monday morning. A cleft has opened in the pitiless walls of the world, and we are invited to follow our great Captain inside. The following Him is, of course, the essential point."



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Gospel Response

Only in Jesus will you find what you're looking for.

Worship of Jesus overflows into mission.