

Readings from Matthew chapter 13—May 2nd-8th, 2020

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” **11** He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. **12** For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **13** Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. **14** And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; **15** For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.’ **16** “But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; **17** for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Sunday: What does Jesus mean by the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven?

Pray for the salvation and growth of Elkhart (Ind.) RPC’s covenant children in the Lord. **Pray** for the believers in Northern Cyprus, for protection from tyranny.

Monday: Why did Jesus speak in parables? **Pray** with Hillside RPC (Almonte, Ont.) for Canada’s leaders and government. **Pray** for Rev. Isaac Berrocal as he ministers in the RP mission work in Rincon, Spain.

Tuesday: What does it mean that even what the unbelievers have will be taken away from them? **Pray that the Lord would bless** Providence RPC (Pittsburgh, Pa.) in its new ministry efforts in Clairton, Pa. **Pray** for wisdom and direction with regard to renovations for our church building at Atlanta RPC.

Wednesday: Read and compare Isaiah 6:9-13 and II Corinthians 2:15-17. **Pray** for Pastor Bob Hackett of Shelter RPC (Edmonton, Alb.) to have wisdom and God’s direction in his busy schedule; **pray** that he would boldly and graciously speak God’s Word. **Pray** for Matt Warren, ministering the gospel in Niger.

Thursday: What does v. 15 tell us about the judgment of God? **Thank God** for Gary and Cynthia McNamee’s years of service in the Columbus (Ind.) RPC; **pray** for them as they transition to the church plant in Columbia, Mo. **Pray** for Bready (Northern Ireland) RPC as the congregation seeks to call a pastor.

Friday: Why are we in a happier position than the Old Testament saints? **Pray** for a founding member of the Marion (Ind.) RPC and his family as he struggles with serious health concerns. **Pray** for the young people at Geelong (Australia) RPC.

Saturday: What are some of the things that we in the New Testament age see and hear that believers in earlier ages did not? **Please pray** with Fulton (N.Y.) RPC that they would thrive and grow despite the state government’s COVID regulations and lockdowns; **pray** for the church in our nation to be bold in resisting government intrusion into church affairs. **Pray** for ARPC’s service tomorrow.

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The Lord’s Day

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading

Revelation 22

Pastoral Prayer

Vows of Church Membership

Daiyaan Levert Winston

*Psalm 73C

“Yet Evermore I am With Thee”

Scripture Text

I Corinthians 11:17-34

The Sermon “What is the Lord’s Supper?” (Part 3: Consummation)

*Prayer

*Psalm 118C [stanzas 10-13]

“I Shall Not Die, But Live and Tell”

The Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Psalm 118C [stanzas 14-17]

“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”

*Benediction

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’—Mark 14:22.

Q. 30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Q. 96. What is the Lord's supper? A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

“What is the Lord’s Supper?” (Part 3: Consummation)

The Lord’s Supper is a holy meal which celebrates commemoration, communion, and consummation.

I. Commemoration

A. We are called upon to remember

B. What are we remembering? Passover; Lord’s Supper

II. Communion

A. Communion with each other (*koinonia*)

1. Context: one body, because partakers of the one bread; necessity of

mutual love and care

2. We experience communion with each other: common actions/symbols; common faith; common affections toward Christ; common participation in the blessings/benefits of salvation; mutual love and affection; mutual communication; mutual service

B. Communion with Christ

1. Communion of the blood of Christ
2. Communion of the body of Christ
3. Partakers of the Lord's table
4. We dare not partake with demons

III. Consummation

A. Proclamation—to “show forth” (*katangelo*) the Lord's death

B. “'til He comes”

1. Revelation 22:17; I John 3:2-3
2. Every eye shall see Him
3. They shall look on Him whom they have pierced
4. Faith shall become sight

Observations

A. There is a note of triumph in the Lord's Supper

B. There is also a note of judgment in the Lord's Supper

Application—remember that there will be fuller participation in glory