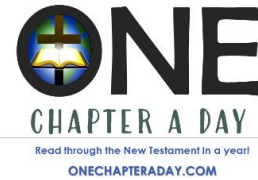


Week 31 – The rich life. – May 29, 2022 Colossians 3-1 Thess 4–
(weekly readings: Colossians 3-1 Thess 4)



Memory Verse: Colossians 3:16-17 (NIV) ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Sermon outline

The Rich life.

The oxymoron of riches

Proverbs 11:4 (NIV) ⁴ Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Wealth is worthless.

Ecclesiastes 6:2 (NIV) ² God gives a man wealth, possessions and honor, so that he lacks nothing his heart desires, but God does not enable him to enjoy them, and a stranger enjoys them instead. This is meaningless, a grievous evil.

Why is it that the wealthy are so happy? Why do the wealthy just keep trying to amass more wealth? Here is a thought from Paul,

1 Timothy 6:9 (NIV) ⁹ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

Riches are a trap

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

True treasure is found in God, Christ.

Colossians 2:3 (ESV) — 3 (CHRIST) in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹

True treasure is found in the word of Christ

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¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Col 3:16–17.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN

Opening Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30 (NIV)

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

How many are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

When you send your Spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now

Opening Song:

Confession & Absolution

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

In Holy Baptism, we were united in the Body of Christ, the Church. He continually asks the Father that “the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” He gave His life so that nothing shall separate us from the uniting love of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.

Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Song:

Children’s Message: (no song after the children’s message)

Scriptures:

First reading: Colossians 2:6-15 (ESV) ⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17 (ESV) ¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory....¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 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. ¹⁷ 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.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-30 (ESV)

¹⁶ And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷ And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰ The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" ²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. ²³ And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." ²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" ²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Message Song:

Message:

Creed

Prayers of the Church

As we pray together for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, you are invited to take a moment now in silent prayer to lift up the names and needs that are upon your heart this day.

(A time of silence for personal prayers)

Lord of our life, as Your Son, Jesus, ascended into heaven, He told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they had received power from on high. On this day You poured out Your Spirit upon all flesh. We rejoice that in Baptism, You have also poured Your Holy Spirit upon us, forgiving our sins and saving us.

Renew us with the Holy Spirit so that our tongues may continually sing Your glory. Open our mouths to proclaim Your mercy. Make us all Your prophets as we proclaim Your salvation through Jesus to the world.

God of our salvation, through Your Holy Spirit in Baptism, You have grafted us into the Body of Christ. Continue to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon our Synod and District leaders, and all pastors of Your Church.

Empower their words, that they may speak Your Word. By the Holy Spirit, use their faithful preaching and teaching to work faith in Jesus in hearts hardened by sin, death, and the world - that all who call on You shall be saved.

Light of this dark world, You have sent the Holy Spirit to Your Church as the comforter. Soothe the wounds of Your people. According to Your will, bring restoration to broken families, heal the sick, uplift the depressed, provide for the poor, uphold the forgotten, and answer the prayers of all who call out to You for aid [*especially _____*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hope of every nation, in these last days, send Your Spirit of wisdom upon our earthly leaders: our president, governor, and all elected and appointed officials who bear authority over us.

Grant that we may live in peace. Guard those who protect us by serving in the armed forces. Preserve our freedoms of worship and speech, that Your Word might remain unfettered in our nation.

Spirit of unity and peace, as we approach the table of grace to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus, make us of one heart, mind and confession.

Fill our mouths with the forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross. Strengthen us with this holy meal, that we may continue to serve You faithfully.

All honor and glory are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Song (during distribution)

The Dismissal & Sending

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace to serve the Lord.

Benediction

As you leave God's house today

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace."

(The Benediction is from & Numbers 6:24-26)

The Dismissal & Sending

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace to serve the Lord.

Benediction

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Go in peace to serve the Risen Christ with joy. Christ is Risen!

He is risen, indeed! Amen! Alleluia!

Closing Song:

Sending

Go in peace to serve the LORD.

Thanks be to God!