

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Twenty-one years ago, last Sunday, at about the same time you are reading this, the nation – strike that, the whole world – was recoiling at the catastrophic devastation smothering New York City. Well, maybe not the whole world. There were a few million warped minds that were dancing in the streets because of a victory over “*the Great Satan*”. To them, 3,000 dead civilians in New York was cause for celebration. In the minds and hearts of these twisted fanatics, America has no innocents. Or innocence – spell it and define it as you wish.

With all due respect to those whose faith is not Christian, there comes a sobering moment when we face the vitriolic hatred of evil. And within weeks of the 9/11 attack, America declared war on terror. 21 years later we’ve pushed most of the jihadists back into their tribal lands, but we have not changed the radical mindsets of billionaires yearning for another chance to visit humiliation and destruction on the United States of America. Why is that?

The answer is uncomfortable and eye-opening. *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, prowls about, seeking whom he may devour.* (1 Peter 5:8) In the face of such an adversary, Jesus sends His followers into the world to tell the good news. And He promises to give us peace that the world does not understand. We are studying this on Wednesday nights.

That peace will not come from treaties signed by liars. Nor will it come via politicians who have no grasp of nor desire for the truth. It certainly will not come from social activists who steal, kill and destroy while yelling, “*Justice for all!*” And it will not come from those who demand that their personal confusion, their search for identity and purpose, become the curricula of our public schools.

9/11 has come and gone and still our world is screaming. While the Prince of Peace is waiting. John 14:27: “*Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*”

Welcome

September 18, 2022



“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.”

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Youth & Kid’s Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

THEOLOGICAL SEED

1 Peter 3:12-15 (CEV)

“The Lord watches over everyone who obeys Him, and He listens to their prayers. But he opposes everyone who does evil.” Can anyone really harm you for being eager to do good deeds? Even if you have to suffer for doing good things, God will bless you. So stop being afraid and don't worry about what people might do. Honor Christ and let him be the Lord of your life. Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Evening Prayer – 6 to 7 PM.

Wednesday Bible Study – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid's Club & Youth in the basement, learning about the Lord.

Special Prayer Request – we are believing God for the finances for a new air conditioning and heating until for the sanctuary. The cost has been estimated at \$14,000. Please help us pray that God will provide.

Flagging Practice – every Wednesday at 6 PM except October 5th.

Water Baptism Class – October 5th, 6:00 PM. All those wishing to obey the Word and be baptized in water will need to be at this class.

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TEXT: John 12:30-32

Our _____ have become an expression our secular _____ system. _____ is a process by which people _____ themselves.

I. A DEITY OF _____

We makes _____ the ultimate _____. Matthew 8:20; John 13:16
 But we believe not because He came _____, but because He stayed _____.

Jesus selects those who feel like _____ and makes them _____ in the Kingdom of God.

We cannot be a Christian unless We _____ with the poor, the oppressed, and the _____ people. Luke 1:50-54; 18:24-25
 The world is not _____ with our personal _____!

We cannot win a world without _____!

Most of the things we spend our _____ doing and emphasizing are in light of the Kingdom of God and eternity, _____ and needless.
 Matthew 25:31-46

He leads us to an _____ with the pain and sin of the world, the _____ world!

II. JESUS WAS A _____ AND WANTS US TO BE RADICAL TOO

We do not have the right to _____ the Word of God.
 Jesus calls us to a radical _____.

III. JESUS WANTS TO _____ THE WORLD

We legitimize our society by _____ of what they do instead of radically living a life of _____ that is dedicated to changing the hearts of man and so the society.