

Sermon Notes

All In! Where's the Grace?

1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Key verse: If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. (1 Cor 12:26)

Recap of the series. All-in followers...

Make Jesus the Lord (12:3)

Lead others to be in awe of the Lord (12:7)

Know we are irreparably broken without Christ (12:12)

We can read the Bible. We can do the Bible. But, in 12:26, Paul emphasizes that all-in followers show the _____.

Jesus illustrated this Himself in John 2:1-11, through a miracle of turning water into wine with this result, "Jesus revealed his glory and his disciples believed in Him" (2:11).

A survey of the first several chapters of 1 Corinthians focuses on obvious ways the Corinthians weren't following Jesus in an all-in way. 1 Cor 10:31-33 gives us good guidance.

Being all-in followers shows up in how we are with each other, not buying into cultural understandings of what it means. We show the grace. What were some points in the message about culture's influence?

A good example was how Chrysostom provided good counsel during a time of great theological strife.

Isaiah 57:15 is the foundation for what Paul has written in 1 Cor 12:26.

Take away: We are going to spend some time in intercessory prayer this morning. Continue to do this week by praying for others more than ourselves. We will trust that the Spirit is leading others to pray for us as we are praying for them.

As a reminder, write down one or two things that stood out to you about ways people in our community are suffering now.

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us! Your being here is a sweet offering to the Lord. Our prayer has been that you know the good news of Jesus' love as a result of your worship. If you have prayer concerns, questions about faith, or would like to inquire about making Bethel Church your spiritual home please indicate this in the pew pad or speak with one of the pastors or elders following the service.

For families with infants, toddlers, and preschool children: Safe childcare with trained volunteers is available during our worship service. We also offer age appropriate Sunday school classes for ages 2-4. All of our early childhood ministries are designed to help your children learn more about Jesus and His love for them. Guests, please let us assist you in registering your children.

Attendance for last week: Sunday School:124; Worship Total: 377

Elder: Colin Kelly

Deacons: Tony Basinger, Penny Brown, Judy Caldwell, Susan Cook (lead) Beverly Epperson, Jason Kraus, Joshua Elliot, Ken Oliver, Rick Whitman

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<p>Vision Statement Reflecting the Love and Truth of Christ to Transform Lives.</p>	
<p>Mission Statement A Community of Christ Followers making disciples by: WORSHIPING the living God TEACHING the truth of Scripture CARING for others SERVING with the compassion of Christ ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD</p>	
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(WN) Worship Notes: At Bethel Church we know that people come from a variety of faith and worship backgrounds. So, we have provided "Worship Notes (WN)" as an explanation of different parts of the service. Understanding what we do and why we do it helps to make worship more meaningful and engaging. Whether you are an old hand or a guest, we hope that you will find the "Worship Notes" helpful.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Dale Overcash

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL PRELUDE #252 *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
 And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
 There are sweet expressions on each face,
 And I know that its the presence of the Lord.

Chorus
 Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
 Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
 And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
 Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
 When we shall leave this place.

(WN) Music awakens the spirit! The Prelude has been selected to develop today's scripture. Make the transition from getting here to being here in our Lord's presence. Take this moment of music to quiet yourselves, focus your mind, and awaken your spirit.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

(WN) Our worship service begins with the playing of the chimes of the Trinity, which is a musical reminder that we worship One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeremy Churchill
Nanette Bennett, Room in the Inn

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(WN) We gather for worship because God calls us to glorify His Name, because Jesus has made right worship possible, and because the Spirit prompts us to praise. Scripture marks the service's beginning, center, and end.

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OPENING HYMN # 585 *“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”*

1 Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

2 Let us love our God supremely,
Let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners
Till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven,
At His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

(WN) Reformed worship moves quickly to confession because each of us has fallen short of God's glory and admit our brokenness to Him before hearing scripture. The prayers in this section of worship are designed to fit today's scripture, and lift up the needs of the world and ourselves. They give voice to the voiceless, and enlarge our vision for God's kingdom.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we bow before You, humbly admitting how small, fragile, and dependent we are. Last month we watched as hurricanes and earthquakes stripped people of their possessions. But, this month we returned to materialistic conversations and making idols of things that serve no eternal purpose. We beg You to remain on the throne of our hearts and for us to continue to live out the Greatest Commandment. We seek You though we are fickle. Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we bring to You our confessions in silence...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, hear and believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*** STATEMENT OF OUR COMMON FAITH** *Roxanne Cooper*

Friends, what do we believe concerning Scripture?

“We believe that the word contained in the books of Scripture has come from God, receiving its authority from God alone and not from humans. As such, this word is the rule of all truth, containing everything necessary for the service of God and for our salvation. Thus, neither humans nor angels are permitted to add to it, subtract from it, or change it in any way. It follows that no authority may be set above Holy Scripture: not antiquity, or tradition, or majority opinion, or human wisdom; not judgments, or pronouncements, or edicts, or decrees, or councils; not visions or signs. On the contrary, everything must be examined, measured, and reformed according to Scripture. It is because they conform to the Word of God that we confess the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed” (The French Confession, paragraph 5).

(WN) The ECO is member of the Reformed tradition, which helps us to express our common faith through creeds and confessions. We have sung "Glory be to the Father" in gratitude to God that He forgives us and hears our prayers. We state our common faith with one of our traditions creeds and confessions.

A MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN (Children in grades Preschool - 3rd may leave for Children’s Worship) *Bianca Marple*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

HIS TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

(WN) One of the ways that we worship God is through giving. God has given us all we have and we are stewards of it. By returning to God His tithe and our offering, we surrender the first portion of what we have. With these offerings Bethel supports outreach ministries to the Charlotte region, international mission, and helps to connect children, youth, and adults to Jesus.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Community of Faith” Chancel Choir

*** THE DOXOLOGY**

*** THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**
Roxanne Cooper

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 12:21-26*

SERMON *All In! Where’s the Grace?*

(WN) The scripture and sermon are the centerpieces of the worship service. The word "sermon" comes from Latin "sermo" for "talk." This teaching helps us both to understand scripture's meaning and to apply its meaning today.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

FROM WORSHIP INTO SERVICE

*** CLOSING HYMN #297** *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story,
because I know its true,
It satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story!
'Twill be my theme in glory -
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

2 I love to tell the story -
'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it
more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
The message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest,
And when in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story,
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

*** CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION**

(WN) We move from this worship service to a life of discipleship. God is with us, helping us to make an impact for Him through our daily rhythms.

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Chancel Choir

*** POSTLUDE** *Sonata II "Allegro Maestoso" Teresa Hewitt*