



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

Glorifying God by Knowing,
Living and Proclaiming
our Hope in Christ

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Elementary Doctrines - Christology

Hebrews 6:1-3

MAY 26, 2024

Pastor Scott Roberts

Welcome!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad you have joined us today!
May God bless you as you worship with us.



Order of Worship

How Can I Keep from Singing

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Ephesians 2:4-10

By Faith

In Christ Alone

No Longer Slaves

Apostles Creed

Speak O Lord

Elder/Deacon Ordinations

Prayer

Hebrews 6:1-3 Reader, Don Recker

Sermon Elementary Doctrines - Christology

The Church's One Foundation

Benediction

New Doxology



Today's Offering is for the General Fund.
There is a collection basket next to the sound booth.

God is Moving Mountains

Planning Ahead

It is commonly agreed that the situation in Cuba is the worst it has ever been. "It seems that the churches are lighthouses in this situation, and people who are desperate turn to churches," an ICR field worker said. An average house church may start with four or five people and usually doubles in size which forces the house church to split and become two house churches. Christians are not doing street evangelism or large events, due to government surveillance, instead, they visit people in their homes, praying for the sick. If they know of someone who is open to Christianity, they invite them to their home for coffee. Many houses in Cuba do not have a building permit; if the home is used as a house church, the government uses that excuse to demolish it. Government inspector "Lucia" was one who had the power to issue or deny building permits. She was proud of her job and zealous for denying permits for Christians. One day, she was directed to a particular house church for an inspection to deny their building permit. She knocked on the door and was struck speechless when she recognized the woman who opened it. She had not seen "Maria" in 20 years, but the two women had once been close friends at school. Maria's family had often checked on Lucia and helped her, and Lucia remembered their kindness with deep appreciation. Now she realized their love was because they were Christians. Lucia told Maria, "This will be the first house church I give legal recognition to!" The believer who shared this story with ICR said, "God can prepare things 20 years in advance." Pray for house churches to continue having opportunities to reach out to their communities and share the Gospel.

Additional Prayer Requests

1. Pray the Lord will blind the government in their surveillance so that believers have more freedom.
2. Pray the people of Cuba will turn to the Lord as their one and only true source of hope.

For more information, contact Rebekah Hurty
Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org

Servants for Sunday, June 2

Greeters: Daryl, need another

Sunday School Observer: Rachel

Scripture Reading: Needed

E-Street Taxi: Ida

Foyer Monitor: Jack

Prayer Room: Needed

Sermon Outline

Elementary Doctrines: Christology

Hebrews 6:1-3

- I. Elementary school is foundational to life success

- II. Christology is foundational to Christian maturity (Heb 6:1)
 - A. Therefore

 - B. The elementary doctrine of Christ
 1. Not moving from, but so ingrained and integrated into our life and thoughts that everything one does is informed by this truth

 2. Translated a variety of ways
 - a. Literal words are “the beginning word/message/argument of Christ” (Mk 1:15, Lk 4:18-19, Jn 1:39, 43)

 - b. Elementary Christian message/What Christ preached (Mk 1:15)

 - c. Elementary Christian teaching (Heb 6:2-3, Catechisms)

 - d. The message about Christ (Heb 1-5)
 - i. Christocentric scripture reading

 - ii. Christ as sacrifice

 - iii. Christ as priest

- iv. Christ as king
- v. Christ as brother
- vi. Christ as Son
- vii. Christ as greater than Moses
- viii. Christ as divine

III. What happens when the foundation of Christology is missing from a believer?

- A. Legalism or licentiousness
- B. Divinity of Christ (Heb 1:3, 2Pet 1:3, Col 2:9, John 1:1, Heb 2:14-15, Phil 2:8)
- C. Absence of incarnation (Col 1:27, Jn 1:14)
- D. Absence of crucifixion & resurrection (2Cor 5:14-15)
- E. Absence of ascension (Jn 16:7-10, Gal 5:23-24, 1Cor 12, Rom 12)

IV. Basic Christology is the foundation to maturity

- A. How are these Christological truths shaping your approach to questions like immigration policy, evangelism, hospitality, social welfare, etc? (Divinity, humanity, incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension)

Announcements

ELDER/DEACON NOMINATIONS: We praise the Lord for providing elders and deacons, chosen by lot last Sunday. Glen Hendricks and Ken Wick were selected as Elders. Hildred Abee was selected as Deacon. We give thanks to Lou Kooistra and Don Recker for their service as Elders, and to Mike Button for his service as Deacon.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Interested in studying Galatians? We'll meet every other week starting mid-June using "Free From Bondage God's Way," and inductive study by Kay Arthur. Meeting day and time will be determined by those who can come. Contact Tanya by the end May if you're interested and want her to add your study book to the order. Books will cost around \$9.

HELP LOVE INC'S PHONE MINISTRY: Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Whatcom County is looking for volunteers to help its Jesus Taxi ministry to local neighbors in need. You can help by returning phone calls, listening to callers' stories, and offering prayer. If you have a heart for phone ministry and have the time to help build a supportive call center, e-mail kellie@whatcomloveinc.org

PRAY FOR SYNOD 2024: The theme for synod's worship and prayer is "God with us." You can sign up to pray on your own or with your church or small group in June. Check out the many opportunities at crcna.org/synod/prayer and join in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. E-mail SynodPrayer@crcna.org with your questions or comments.

LITTLE LIBRARY REQUEST: It has been requested that we refrain from donating magazines for our little library. However, the donations of books to keep our little library stocked has been greatly appreciated!

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP: The Bellingham Parkinson's Disease Support group meets the second Monday of each month from 2-3:30 at Cornwall church on Northwest. This group welcomes people with PD, caregivers, friends, and family. For further information please contact Deb Ivancovich at (360)961-5168.

Council Members and Districts

Council President: David Richards (360-961-0459)

Elder Chairperson: Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

Deacon Chairperson: Mike Button (360-739-5435)

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Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

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Elder: Ken Wick (360-224-1656)

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thurs: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday: Closed



BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin items are due on Wednesday at noon.



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