

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Maturity is Our Destiny Hebrews 6:1-12

JULY 21, 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

Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 34

Your Majesty

Jesus Paid it All

At the Cross

Surrender Medley

Prayer

Hebrews 6:1-12 Reader - Don Recker

Sermon Maturity is Our Destiny

Graves into Gardens

Benediction

I Will Follow

Today's Offering is for the Outreach Fund.

There is a collection basket next to the sound booth.

God is Moving Mountains

Many in the West have a negative impression of Iran. But it is important to look at things with an eternal perspective. "If we choose to put God's spectacles on, all of the sudden we see that God is moving," an ICR partner said.

"Jesus is building his church. The people that are in darkness are coming to Christ at an amazing rate. And the great commission is being accomplished. "God is asking us to partner with him, to understand that he's working in the most difficult and restricted regions. The unlikeliest people are coming to Christ, and they're reading the Scripture, and their lives are being changed," he said.

Praise God for the work he is doing in a place where the government intends to stamp out Christianity!

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

Announcement

CEF KIDS BIBLE CLUB HERE!: August 12-16 we'll will be hosting a CEF bible club at HCC from 3:30-5:00 each day. Please pray for God to direct the plans being made, to raise up the needed volunteers, and to be at work in the hearts and minds of kids he wants to have join in the fun while learning of his great news.

SAVE THE DATES: On July 30 and Aug 6 from 6 - 9pm we need 24 people to canvas the neighborhood around HCC for the CEF camp. We'll also need people to provide snacks, serve snacks, greet, and kids check-in and out each day of the camp (Aug 12 - 16). Prayerfully consider how you may help and be on the look out for an email to sign-up.

Servants for Sunday, July 28, 2024

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Foyer Monitor: Jack

E-Street Taxi: Tanya

Prayer Room: Needed

Scripture Reader: Mike

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Sermon Outline

Maturity is Our Destiny

Hebrews 6:1-12

I. Christ is powerfully at work in his people: Maturity is our destiny (Col 1:28, Eph 4:12-13)

II. We will mature if God permits (Heb 6:3)

A. Pastor includes self in the people needing to move on to maturity

B. Grounded in God's desire

III. Impossible not to mature (Heb 6:4-6)

A. A Christian can't fall away

- 1. Impossible = Incapable of being done
 - a. Used in other places to say man can't save himself (Mt 19:26)
 - b. The Law can't save a person (Rom 8:3)
 - c. Animal sacrifices can't remove sin (Heb 10:4)
 - d. It's impossible for believer's who apostatize to be restored, which means it is impossible for a believer to apostatize
- 2. What follows is a beautiful description of someone touched by the Holy Spirit and renewed internally
 - a. Been enlightened (Heb 10:32, Eph 1:18, Jn 8:12, 9:5)

- b. Tasted of the heavenly gift
 - i. The Heavenly gift often refers to the Holy Spirit (Jn 4:10, Act 2:38)
 - ii. The heavenly gift is the gift of life (Rom 6:23)
 - iii. The gift of grace (Rom 5:15)
 - iv. The gift of righteousness (Rom 5:17)
- c. Participants with the Holy Spirit
- d. Experienced the goodness of the promises of God (Josh 23:14)
- e. Experienced the powers of the age to come
- f. If this kind of believer falls away, then they are doomed, they can't be restored
- B. Well-watered land (Heb 6:7)
- C. Dry Barren Desert (Heb 6:8)
- IV. Assurance of better things (Heb 6:9-12)
 - A. The task we play in maturity (Heb 6:11-12)
 - 1. Not being sluggish
 - 2. Imitating others
- V. Conclusion