



Week 8: Presence

Part 1: Your Chapter in the Story

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

- The _____ is the final chapter in the story of redemption.
- The church has survived and will survive every _____ thrown its way.

Church: a gathering of believers who have made Christ the cornerstone of their lives.

- We are currently involved in a chapter of _____ that is just as important as any previous chapter.

Part 2: Your Part in the Process

Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Being a part of a healthy, functioning body of believers is the closest thing on Earth to being in the presence of God.

- The warning for this chapter is that the story of redemption will _____.
- The purpose of this chapter is to _____ us to make _____.
- The promise of the chapter is God's _____.

Philemon 1:6

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.



Week 7: Payment

1. The King was _____ in _____.

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

- Jesus didn't come to make you _____ but to enter into a _____.

2. The King _____.

- Christ's message to the world was not "_____, " but "_____."
- Christ is not a crutch for the _____ but hope for the _____.

3. The King _____.

Romans 5:12,15

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

- Your greatest problem in your life is not your _____ but your _____.
- The Gospel is about _____ not _____.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

- God is not willing to overlook the _____ he was willing to _____.
 - Our works reduce the _____ of the _____.
 - Our _____ is not so that we *will be* accepted, but because we *are* accepted.
4. Jesus _____.
- _____ allows you access to the funds of you father.