

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA)

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Worship for the Lord's Day

September 26th, 2021 • 10:45 A.M.

Trinity Fellowship Church exists to glorify God by equipping a community of believers to worship God and be witnesses of Him in Central Arkansas and to the ends of the earth.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?”

Hebrews 2:1–3a

Good theology is always practical theology, and one of the clearest demonstrations of this can be found in the book of Hebrews. It is important to know that Jesus is superior to the angels, but not simply because we should have a head knowledge of the truth. Biblical theology inspires us to ask the question, “So what?” and answer it with the right course of living.

Today’s passage gives us the answer to the “So what?” question when it comes to Jesus’ superiority to the angels. Because Jesus is superior to the angels, we must pay much closer attention to the gospel than anything else, even the old covenant law. We cannot neglect our great salvation in Christ by abandoning Him.

To help us understand the great danger of rejecting the gospel, Hebrews 2:1–3 returns again to the angels, explaining that transgressions against the message declared by these beings deserved punishment. The author of Hebrews refers here to the Mosaic law, which the Lord revealed on Sinai through the mediation of angels. The Mosaic law is well known for its many lists of laws, each with a corresponding punishment for transgressing. Some of the transgressions of this law were so heinous that they deserved death. If one deserved punishment for disobeying a lesser law revealed through the mediation of lesser beings, how much more does one deserve punishment for disobeying the gospel by rejecting Christ? The guilt and severity of punishment for disobeying the gospel is much worse than that of breaking the Mosaic law because Christ is so much greater than the law. John Calvin comments, “In proportion to the greatness of Christ will be the severity of God’s vengeance on all the despisers of his Gospel.”

The author of Hebrews is speaking here in relative terms. The law and the angels are good, but Christ is better, and leaving Him brings the greatest penalty of all: eternal suffering in hell. And there is no excuse for abandoning the gospel, for not only is Christ greater than all else, but His gospel is proven by the great miracles that He and the Apostles did to confirm it.

Celebration *of* Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Announcements can be found on page 7

Prelude

*During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation
for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.
(Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)*

† Call to Worship

Psalm 77:11–15

Leader: *I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God,
is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you
have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your
people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.*

† Hymn of Praise

Hymns of Grace

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

N^o 136

† Prayer of Invocation

† Please stand, as able

Call to Confession

Hebrews 10:28–31

Leader: *Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

from *The Valley of Vision*

Unison: Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your will in your Word, of neglecting to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I praise you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Continue subduing my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Deliver me from every evil habit, every increase of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, and everything that prevents me from delighting in you. Amen.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:6–11

Leader: *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

† **Hymn of Trust**

Hymns of Grace

Depth of Mercy

Nº 189

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward during this time.

Prayers of the People

*God calls us to be a praying people.
Let us join in prayer, offering our praise,
thanksgiving, and intercession to God.*

Offertory

*Our offering is an act of worship in which we express our gratitude and reliance on God.
For those of you who are guests with us today, giving is not obligatory.
We are eager to share with you more about our church and its ministry
and to invite you to participate with us as you are called by God.
If you have filled out a visitor's card, please place it in the plate as it is passed.*

† **Doxology**

Hymns of Grace

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

Reading of Scripture

ESV Pew Bible

Hebrews 2:1–4

p. 1001

Sermon

“Harbor of Salvation”

Rev. Brad DeVries

† Hymn of Response

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vv. 1–3)

Hymns of Grace

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† Benediction

† Recessional Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1–4)

Hymns of Grace

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Postlude

*As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you,
experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,
and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.*

*Please help us love our community by recycling your unneeded bulletins as you leave.
A recycling bin is located by the door in the narthex.*

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! Our prayer is that you will find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together today.

- ❖ Welcome packets are available in the narthex. We encourage you to fill out a visitor’s card and place it in the offering plate on the narthex table.
- ❖ Large print ESV Bibles are available near the bulletins on the narthex table.
- ❖ A cry room is available for infants and small children. The cry room is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Articles ▶ Today is the final day to submit articles for the October Newsletter. Articles can be sent via email to Heath.

Guys' Camping Trip ▶ The 2021 Guys' Camping Trip will be October 1st–3rd at Daisy State Park on Lake Greeson in Kirby, AR. For more information and to register, please visit our website. Today is the final day to register.

Advancing in Missions ▶ Are you interested in learning more about missions or how the mission focus of TFC could be tailored to our unique place and makeup? Mission to the World is providing a workshop hosted by Covenant Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 9th from 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. Contact Brad for more information.

Saturday Seminar ▶ Wilberforce Weekend is the Colson Center's premier Christian worldview conference. In 2021, the theme for the Wilberforce Weekend was "The Imago Dei" – exploring what it truly means to live in the image of God. Please consider joining us on Saturday, October 23, for a Wilberforce Weekend "Watch Party" at the church. The first session will start at 9:00 A.M. and we will conclude around 2:30 P.M. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Contact Brad for more information.

CPYC ▶ Our winter youth conference, CPYC, will be December 3rd–5th at Victory Ranch in Bolivar, TN. This conference is for students grades 7–12. For more information and to register, please visit our website. The final day to register is this Wednesday, September 29th.



Women's Bible Study ▶ The Women's Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays at the church. The morning group meets at 9:30 and the evening group meets at 6:30. Contact Katie DeVries for more information.

Men's Prayer Group ▶ The Men's Prayer Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 A.M. at the church. Contact Ron Plate for more information.

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