

Chapter 5: New Commandments and a New Covenant

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CHOIR ANTHEM Song of Fellowship By Don Besig and Nancy Price

CALLING ON GOD

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

WORDS FOR OUR FOCUS

Psalm 19

P: The heavens declare the glory of God,

C: **And the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

P: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

C: **The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**

P: The rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

C: **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.**

P: The heavens declare the glory of God,

C: **And the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

OPENING UP TO GOD

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Time for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE "Green Book" 424 vs. 1-3

Lord of Glory

Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely of your own.
With the sunshine of our goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor you have given
To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That you deign for alms to sue,
Saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have given to you"?

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.....Thank you for showing us your way that fosters life through the Commandments and your law. Forgive us for how we have fallen short. Forgive us for choosing our own way and hurting others and ourselves. Help us hear again, the promise of life and rescue that Jesus wins through his sacrifice for us. Lead us to follow your way and your law of love. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 19:2-8

They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-8

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"It's About Relationship"

SERMON HYMN "Red Book" 233 Four Verses

This is My Commandment

**This is my commandment that you love one another, that your joy may be full.
That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full.**

**This is my commandment that you trust one another, that your joy may be full.
That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full.**

**This is my commandment that you serve one another that your joy may be full.
That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full.**

**This is my commandment that you lay down your lives, that your joy may be full.
That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full.**

THE CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Christian Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For the Church in the world, that the Holy Spirit may clothe her in Christ's charity, that she may live out the great grace of the Gospel in her compassion for the lowly, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For forgiveness for those places where we have feared, loved and trusted in our possessions rather than our Lord, chasing after riches rather than following our Master on His path to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, that they may be comforted in the truth that the Lord's eyes are upon them, and that we as His children might open our hands with His to satisfy the desires of every living thing, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our president and all who serve in positions of authority amongst us, that they may be kept from all forms of corruption to truly serve the good of all in our land, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who suffer in body or mind [*remembering _____*], that they may hope in Christ's great compassion and be granted relief and healing through those that God has given to help them in their need, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Green Book" 532 How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim "My God how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

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