

Readings from Matthew 13—May 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ 28 He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ 29 But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ ” “

**Sunday: What is the title of this parable? Praise God and give Him thanks for Bruce Parnell, pastor of Stillwater (Okla.) RPC, who faithfully preaches week by week during this pandemic; pray for his continued strength and health as he serves the congregation; pray also for the ruling elders and deacons during these times of uncertainty. Pray for Pastor Smith and Miss Penny’s travels. GIVE THANKS for how God has heard and answered prayer and kept the staff of the Covenanter Bookshop safe. Continue to PRAY for safety going forward.**

**Monday: Why did Jesus speak in parables? Pray with the Home Mission Board for wisdom and favor in expanding Christ’s kingdom during COVID-19: the work of church planting has slowed due to lockdowns, travel restrictions, and other repercussions from the pandemic. Please PRAY for the RP Global Mission work in Pakistan. Stornoway - Continue to pray for the growth of the congregation.**

**Tuesday: What is the “kingdom of heaven”? Pray for the many pregnant mothers and young families at Shelter RPC (Edmonton, Alb.); pray for safe delivery and for wisdom and grace in marriages and child-raising.**

**Wednesday: Who is the wheat? Pray that the Lord would bless and guide the men at Providence RPC (Pittsburgh, Pa.) who are pursuing the ministry: Keith Dewell, Robert Kelbe, Mike Labutta, and Chuck Oles.**

**Thursday: Who are the tares? Pray for the provision of a church van and a driver for Atlanta (Ga.) RPC so that the pastor and the ministerial intern can perform their duties at the church building.**

**Friday: What does Jesus mean by “the harvest”? Please pray for the deacons in the Columbus, Ind., RPC to have wisdom in meeting the needs of those within the congregation and community; pray that more deacons may be added as the Lord sees fit.**

**Saturday: What is the picture given by “burn” and “barn? Pray that the church fellowship hall at Christ Church (Floyd, N.Y.) would be ready for use this year.**

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***May 16, 2021***

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:8-10

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading

Psalms 130

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord”

Scripture Text

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

The Sermon

Christ’s Work of Reconciliation

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 134B

“ Bless the Lord, all servants of the Lord”

\*Benedictory Prayer

*\* Congregation will please stand.*

*We are so glad that you could join us today!* Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

**Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers**

“let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”-**Acts 4:10–12.**

*Q. 29. How are we partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ? A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by the Holy Spirit.*

**Q. 30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?  
A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.**

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**Filling the pulpit today is Elder T.J. Pattillo, our ministerial intern, who is studying for the gospel ministry.**

## **Sermon Outline**

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 “Christ’s Work of Reconciliation”

I. Reconciliation With God

II. Reconciliation With One Another

III. Reconciliation With the World