

with the claim of Christ. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

Readings from Matthew chapter 5—July 19th-25th, 2020

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ **22** But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. **23** Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. **25** Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. **26** Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.”

Sunday: What are examples of murdering someone? Pray that the new adherents at Cobdenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC would become members. **Give thanks** with North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC for Dawn, a mum of two of the kids who have been coming along to church, who has made a profession of faith! **Pray** for her in her walk as a single mum and new Christian.

Monday: What does it mean to be angry with your brother without cause? **Please give thanks** for visitors during the summer months as they worship with the Hetherton RPC (Johannesburg, Mich.).

Tuesday: Why is hell described in terms of fire? **Pray** for good cooperation among Higashisuma RPC (Kobe, Japan), Japan Presbytery, and the RP Global Mission Board for the kingdom of God.

Wednesday: Read Mark 9:42-50 and Revelation 20:11-15, and reflect on the nature of hell. **Pray** with mission workers A and L B as they make plans to be sent to Asia by RP Global Missions early next year; **pray** for them this summer as they recruit a team to go with them, seek out those who will pray for and support them, and then receive further training this fall.

Thursday: Since we don't lay sacrifices upon an altar anymore, how would we apply vv. 23-24 today? **Pray** with Christ RPC (East Providence, R.I.) for wisdom in making their worship services accessible to Swahili speakers, and especially for a new translator.

Friday: What are ways that you can try to be reconciled with an enemy? **Pray** that Sharon (Ia.) RPC's online sermons would continue to reach not only people within the surrounding communities, but also seekers throughout the world. Pray for Stranraer and Stornoway (Scotland) RPC, as they are able to meet together for worship.

Saturday: Pray with the White Lake (N.Y.) RPC for the Lord's blessing for their Family Fun Day today, that families in the community would be reached

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The Lord's Day
July 19, 2020
Meeting every week at
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I Thessalonians 3:6-10

The Sermon

“Gratitude for the Attitude” (Part 1)

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“The Princes Causelessly Pursue”

*Benediction

*Psalm 133A

“Behold How Good a Thing It Is”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.”—Exodus 20:8.

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.”—Psalm 42:1.

Q. 31. What is effectual calling? A. Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life? A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

I Thessalonians 3:6-10 “Gratitude for the Attitude” (Part 1)

Theme: Paul and Silas express their gratitude for the Thessalonian believers’ attitude.

I. Comfort

A. Reasons

1. “but now when Timothy came from you to us”

2. “and brought us good tidings of your faith and love”

a. good news (*euangelizo*)

b. the faith and the love of you

(1) faith—it is essential

(2) love (*agape*—love in the deepest sense; I Corinthians 13)

(3) faith and love together—can’t have one without the other

3. “and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also you”

B. Fact

1. “therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you”
2. “in all our affliction and distress by your faith”
 - a. the first word in this pair means distress or calamity
 - b. the second word = pressing or pressure [like a car crusher]
 - c. cf. Acts 18:5-17
 - d. but, they were comforted because of the Thessalonians’ faith

C. Explanation

1. “for now we live”—that is, “now we are animated”

2. “if ye stand fast in the Lord”

Application

- A. Appreciate the ministry of the word and ordinances in order to perfect our faith
- B. Engage in the hard work of prayer