

THE EMPTYING OF GOD

Philippians 2.5-11, Ephesians 1.3-2.10 // December 18, 2022

SHARE THE WEALTH

Glorifying something comes out of our enjoyment of that very thing. When we enjoy something, we naturally want to glorify it. We want to tell others. We want to share it with others so that they, too, can enjoy it.

Our love and joy is made complete when it is shared.

God, who Himself *is* love, also by His own nature desires to share Himself. For this reason, He created a plan so that He *could* share Himself with others. But this desire hit roadblocks, because God could not simply *create* an equal to share Himself with. So He devised a plan.

EMPTYING OF CHRIST

His plan was to create something in His image, but even this couldn't solve the problem. Therefore, He emptied Himself to become one of us.

**God did not become *less than* what He already was;
No, He became what He was not: *human*.**

But His work didn't stop here. Even as a human, He was still unable to become one with sinful flesh. More work needed to be done, but His reward would be great.

Ephesians 1.3-14

**The three blessed Persons in the Trinity divided up the work –
the Father planned [v.3-6], the Son put it into operation
[v. 7-12], and the Holy Spirit applies it [v. 13-14].**

-D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

THE GREAT REWARD

Revelation 5.1-5, 19.11-16, 21.1-7

**Jesus was born so that He could die.
From His youth, indeed even from His birth,
the cross cast its shadow ahead of Him.
His death was central to His mission.**

-John Stott

**Christianity is the only major religion whose central event
is the humiliation of its own God.**

-Bruce Shelley

Ephesians 2.1-10 // 2 Corinthians 5.17

NOTES:

Announcements:

Christmas Eve Service – Saturday, December 24th at 4pm

Christmas Day – No regular Sunday morning service. Keep an eye on our Events page for details on a Christmas Day video to watch with friends and family.
<https://lifemissionchurch.com/events/>

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshiping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?
Read **Philippians 2.5-11** and **Ephesians 1.3-2.10**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself
How does the thought that you have been purchased and cleansed in order to be given to Jesus as a gift change the way that you see yourself and God's love for you?

Your Life Mission
This beautiful truth is conflicting for us, because we certainly don't feel worthy of being a gift to Him. But He has done this for a reason, and He has saved us for good works to walk in. He saves us and sends us out into this world to share this Good News. What relationships, maybe particularly coming up over the holidays, that you need prayer for so that you can be used by the Lord to be light and salt?

P.R.A.Y. for Our Mission
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model (the Lord's Prayer) with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

Pray also for these topics and themes on behalf of our church family and the community God has placed us in.

- Upcoming family gatherings and opportunities to share the Gospel
- Invitation to Christmas Eve Service
- Those struggling with loneliness and brokenness during the holidays

Preach the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)

Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)

Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)

Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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