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Love Others Because of Christ

1 John 4: 1-21

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## Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Psalm 96:7-9 (CSB)
Welcome	Candy Chin
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Prayer	Gary Sham
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Proclamation	Love Others Because of Christ Pastor Donald Gardner
Response	Great Are You Lord
Baptism	Chanel Wei and Angel Wei (Youth)
Offertory	Gene Yee
Announcements	Pastor Justin Wong
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner

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## 1 John 4:1-21 (CSB)

**1** Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** This is how you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** but every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming; even now it is already in the world. **4** You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. **5** They are from the world. Therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We are from God. Anyone who knows God listens to us; anyone who is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of deception. **7** Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. **10** Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is made complete in us. **13** This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and we testify that the Father has sent his Son as the world's Savior. **15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God—God remains in him and he in God. **16** And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him. **17** In this, love is made complete with us so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because as he is, so also are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears is not completely in love. **19** We love because he first loved us. **20** If anyone says, "I love God," and yet hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother or sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. **21** And we have this command from him: The one who loves God must also love his brother and sister.

## Notes

# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## "In His Grace do we Move and Flow!"

**Galatians 5:1, 5:4-5** says,

Stand fast! (never wavering) in the Liberty provided by Christ as He has set us Free to not be entangled in the bondage of laws/rules.... Christ has become of no effect unto you. IF you seek to be justified (for your sins and life actions) by the law (Scripture)...and we become "fallen from His Grace!". For we should, through the Spirit of God, look toward the hope of righteousness by faith.

Different things bother all of us. We have a little internal "book of expectations" that we mentally carry around within ourselves and that "book" impacts our daily reception of the actions and approaches that others take toward various things. Judgmental? Probably...yes. Yet, we are human and learn slowly!!!

Recently, I attended a meeting that contained a mixture of "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" (an iconic Clint Eastwood movie). We heard policies and rules that were employed to assist our interaction and considerations for decisions. Churches often choose more of a democratic structure than a representative one so everyone has an opinion about various matters and has the freedom to share their thoughts. With the policies/rules in place, we talked candidly about our burden for the church's direction. Emotions were seen at times but, ultimately, the rules/policies weren't what dominated the meeting. The structure became but a tool to grasp our goal of Christian Decision Making. Were all the decisions made of "perfection" in form? I doubt that....for again, we are just human. We were dreaming together. Yet, it is with the Grace of God that we all walked out of the meeting praying for God's continual direction for that body to be "Risk Takers for the Kingdom!" We didn't agree on every decision that came our way but, then again, what family does? My prayer for our church is that we are less policy driven as we find joy in being salt and light in all our efforts and ministries.

In His grace, we face each day!



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- Thank you to CBC families who came last weekend to help clean up everything in CBC. We appreciate you all! Please let the CBC office know if you or your family need help or assistance due to the storm last Thursday.
- No Luncheon today, and the office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 as we commemorate Memorial Day. Thank you to those fallen soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us, and who fought bravely so we could have our freedom.

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