

June 16, 2024

Truth Transforms (I)

2 John 1:1-6

Happy Father's Day!

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 | Psalms 145:1-2 (CSB) | |
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| Welcome | Joshua Lee | |
| Adoration | Open Up The Heavens O Worship The King Made Me Glad | |
| Prayer | Irene Chen | |
| Scripture | 2 John 1:1-6 (CSB) - Davy Chin | |
| Prayer | Pastor Oleg Xu | |
| Proclamation | Truth Transforms (I) Pastor Oleg Xu | |
| Response | Goodness Of God | |
| Offertory | Davy Chin | |
| Announcements | Pastor Justin Wong | |
| Benediction | Pastor Justin Wong | |



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2 John 1:1-6 (CSB)

1 The elder: To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth—and not only I, but also all who know the truth—2 because of the truth that remains in us and will be with us forever. 3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. 4 I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, in keeping with a command we have received from the Father. 5 So now I ask you, dear lady—not as if I were writing you a new command, but one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. 6 This is love: that we walk according to his commands. This is the command as you have heard it from the beginning: that you walk in love.

Notes

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

Jesus Hated "Religious Boxes!"

Christ's walk on earth was that of "the" holy man as He modeled the definition of Christian Discipleship. He found clarifying truth within the superficial terminology and limitations of the religious thinkers of His day. His model was one that screamed dissatisfaction with a compromised and unengaged life. He lived fully as He lived for others. Where was the selfishness and personal concern for comfort, recognition, and worldly success? Where is the man fighting for His own rights? Jesus taught **"Beyond"** Scripture....**Beyond** the established habits, customs, and expectations of customary religious understanding. He started with an accepted and understood standard and then "pushed the meaning" to the point of relevancy and application!

A)"Whoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matthew 5:28)

B)"Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's Throne!" (Matthew 5:34)

C) "Whoever shall smite you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. If a man will sue you at the law, and take away your coat, give him your cloak also." (Matthew 5:39-40)

D)"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you that you may be children of your Father which is in heaven: for He makes the sun to rise on the evil and the good...." (Matthew 5:44-45)

E) "When you pray, do not be hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets to be seen by men. They have their reward. But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father which is in secret and your Father which sees in secret shall reward you. Don't use vain repetitions, as the heathen do, for they assume they will be heard for their much speaking." (Matthew 6:5-7)

We must all Choose: Is our Lord the one of religious teaching or the one that stretches us to be practical and relevant within our society? Is our Lord a Sunday appointment or a daily fellowship friend? Am I taking from the church or am I contributing to the body of Christ with my time, my prayers, and my commitment to serve? Daily, we all choose!









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- 2024-2025 CBC Ligh and Gor Scholarship is accepting applications through the CBC website.
 Free Vacation Bible Mini Camp on Sunday, June 23, 2024 from 1 to 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Inviting all children aged 4 years to 5th grade, register now at <u>ashleyl@cbchouston.org</u> or call CBC office at 713.461.0963, space is limited.
- Conclave Summer starts every Friday from June 7 July 19, 2024 from 7 pm 8:15 pm in the Chapel, a refresher course based on Holy Bible basics.
- Happy Father's Day! Reminder no lunch fellowship today.

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