

THE HUMILITY OF FREEDOM

Matthew 17:22-27

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed. 24 When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the tax?" 25 He said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?" 26 And when he said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. 27 However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

In Union with Christ, Jesus frees us to live in a winsome humility.

1. Your Peace Comes from Realizing that Your True Freedom is in the Kingdom of Christ.

Matthew 17:22-26, 16:16, 17:5, 12:6, Exodus 30:11-16, Ephesians 1:3-6, Romans 8:17

How many ways can you recall that Jesus is the Son and the fulfillment of sonship?

What is amazing to you about the statement, "The sons are free?"

2. Your Freedom is Lived Out By Imitating Christ's Self-Denying Humility.

Matthew 17:27, 15:11-12, John 18:36, 1 Corinthians 8:13, 9:12, 9:22, Acts 16:3, Philippians 2:5-8

How do you see amazing humility in Jesus' statement, "However, not to give offense to them?"

What is the right time to be a "scandal?"

How does true freedom in Christ allow you to humbly give in where you perceive no obligation to do so?

Where in your life do you most need to live in the peace of the kingdom rather than the rage of the world?

Church Announcements

- Wednesday Series –7pm Zoom. The Whole Christ.
- Tuesday special church prayer time: 8:30pm Zoom
- Kid’s Kingdom Sunday School – 8:30am Sunday Zoom
- Christmas lights: Tonight, Creation Museum 5pm
- Christmas Eve Service December 24, 7pm

Special Request

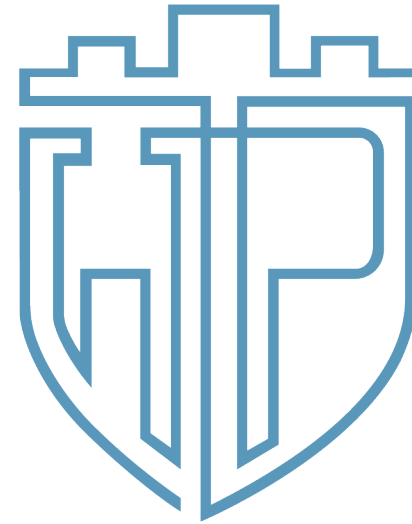
- Pray for the Stephen’s family at KMM.
- Pray for Charles Haddaway – new cancer found.
- Pray for gospel opportunities during the Christmas season this year.
- Continue to pray for those affected by Covid

Giving Information

Traditional Giving: A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

Online Giving: Visit www.HPBaptist.org/give and click the “Give” button to setup an account on Planning Center.

Text Giving: Text your gift amount to 84321 and follow the prompts.



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