

The Kingdom Supreme

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Dt 7:6-9; Rom 8:28-39; Mt 13:44-52

Introduction

CCT: Jesus Christ and His forgiveness, His _____, is of such supreme value that all impediments to it must be cast away.

Kairos = "opportune time," "the _____ moment."

I. The King(dom) Supreme

Matthew 13:44-46

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Romans 8:31-35

Nothing is as valuable as Christ and His _____
_____. Nothing is as valuable as being
a member of His _____, His family.

God so loved _____ that at just the right time-
-the *kairos*--he sent his Son to bear the sins of the
world, including yours.

Do you have sin, shame, unnecessary expectations?

It's time to release that burden _____.

John 10:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ The thief [the devil] comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

2 Corinthians 6:2 (ESV)

² For [God] says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

It's time now to put away that bag of burdens. It's time, now, to _____ that Jesus Christ is God, that He is risen from the dead, victorious over sin and death and shame, _____ sin and death and shame.

Remember what it means to be a member of the Kingdom of God...

Romans 8:37–39 (ESV)

It's time to remember that it is GOD who is speaking here. It's time to remember that there are consequences for rejecting God . . .

Matthew 13:47–50

¹ John 4:2–3 (ESV)

² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

II. Living as God's People

Now is the time...

God's declaration of who you are if you are in Christ:

Deuteronomy 7:6

¹ Peter 2:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

It is time to cast your burdens and shame on _____, who will sustain you. It is time to cast away all impediments to the lordship of Jesus Christ; that is, to confess everything that tempts you to place some thing or some one other than Jesus Christ as your _____.

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Conclusion

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ALL CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE

August 27th

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

(This will be the only worship service that weekend.)

During this special Worship Service, we will ask God to bless the upcoming school year and have a special *blessing of the backpacks service* in which ALL school-age children (St. Paul's and all other schools) will have the opportunity to have their backpacks blessed.

The worship service will be followed by our annual picnic which will be a fundraiser for the 7th graders to earn money for their South Dakota trip in fall of 2018.

If your last name begins with (please bring):

A-L
Side Dish

M-Z
Dessert

