

# Re:Connecting 3: Cleanse Your Temple

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Ex 20.1-17; 1 Cor 1.18-31; Jn 2.13-22

## Introduction

Giving up something for Lent...

Not an unjustified rant. *Bona fides*...

Why Millennials (b.1980-2000) and Homelanders  
(b. 2000-present) should give an ear...

"Cleanse our temple" means, in part, to remain  
masters of our technology rather than be mastered  
\_\_\_\_\_ it.

## I. Jesus Cleanses the Temple

What was going on in the Temple of the Lord?

- People were being \_\_\_\_\_
- God was being \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of many had grown cold.

Why did Jesus "cleanses" the Temple?

1. Exposing injustice;
2. Revealing idolatry;
3. Establishing \_\_\_\_\_ as Messiah.

John 2:18–22

So, how did Jesus ultimately show His authority?

St. Paul: First things first...

1 Corinthians 1:18

1 Corinthians 1:23–24

If you confess Jesus Christ ... He is \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.

## **II. Cleanse Your Temple**

### **A. Sinning Badly**

Christians still have an “old sinful \_\_\_\_\_” that “does not want us to hallow God’s name or let his kingdom come.” Therefore, let’s “\_\_\_\_\_ the temple” of our hearts...

10 Commandments reveal the way we rebel against God...

What is the consequence of unrepentant sin?

8<sup>th</sup> Commandment & Explanation:

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

“What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.”

## Hymn of the Day: 981 To Your Temple, Lord, I Come



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it  
 2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through  
 3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my  
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of  
 5 While I lis - ten to Your Law, Fill my



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no  
 Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,  
 lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful  
 love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your  
 soul with hum - ble awe Till Your Gos - pel



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.  
 give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.  
 soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.  
 Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.  
 bring to me Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 While Your ministers proclaim  
 Peace and pardon in Your name,  
 Through their voice, by faith, may I  
 Hear You speaking from the sky.

7 From Your house when I return,  
 May my heart within me burn,  
 And at evening let me say,  
 "I have walked with God today."

## 2nd Communion Hymn: 973 Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.



Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

## **B. A Slanderous Culture**

A considerable amount of news we receive is \_\_\_\_\_ or libel. Social media types call it "\_\_\_\_\_ bait.

We are being \_\_\_\_\_. It is time for a lot of us to "\_\_\_\_\_ the temple."

Self-reflection...

## **Conclusion**

CCT: Christ's cleansing of the Temple is a call to repentance; that is, a call to reject the culture of \_\_\_\_\_, to trust in the crucified and risen Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and to live as those \_\_\_\_\_ in the image of God.

An exercise in self-discipline and an invitation from Christ Himself...

**April  
6  
2018**



# **YOUTH LOCK IN**

**@ St. Paul's  
Oconomowoc**

## **Admission**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - A snack or  
dessert item to share  
6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - A beverage to  
share**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Game Night  
5 pm - 10 pm**



**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Lock-In  
5 pm - 7 am  
Breakfast  
@ 6:30 am**

**Sign up at St. Paul's Lobby or Narthex  
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