

Welcome to **Journey** EVANGELICAL CHURCH



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Today's Service August 25, 2024

Worship Presider.....**Elder Josh Cain**
Congregational Worship.....**Kyle Ng**
Worship Through Scripture.....**Pastor Phil Yoder**
Congregational Response.....**Kyle Ng**
Benediction.....**Pastor Phil Yoder**

Sermon Notes – Compassionate Love That Puts Others First

2 Corinthians 1:23 - 2:11 | *How can God use a relational barrier with a fellow believer for His glory? Paul addresses that question with several ideas...keep a clear conscience and show forgiveness and comfort.*

A. Principles of a Clear Conscience (1:23 - 2:4)

1. _____ muscles become strengthened
2. Joyful _____ arises over grief
3. Distress and anguish develop deeper _____

B. Principles of Forgiveness and Comfort (2:5 - 11)

1. They (along with grief) affect the _____ body
2. They reaffirm our _____ for one another
3. They are useful _____ against Satan

Paul wrote this so that his readers would stand the test and be obedient in everything. Would we get a passing grade on this test?

Reflection & Discussion

1. What would God (as a witness) say in regard to Paul's motives in ministry?
2. How should Christians address painful issues with one another?
3. How can distress and anguish result in joy for a Christian?
4. How might we reaffirm our love for a repentant Christian?
5. What does Satan desire with his "unforgiveness" scheme?

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

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Contact Us! | Contact an Elder or Deacon at elders@journeyec.org or deacons@journeyec.org, respectively.

The deacons would like to support you in prayer! Please email prayer requests to prayer@journeyec.org

2025 New Elders and Deacons | Please submit the name(s) of the active JEC member for consideration as new Elder or Deacon starting January 2025 to Nomination Committee rick@journeyec.org or josh@journeyec.org. Deadline **August 31, 2024**.

Pastor Nominating Committee | Church members who would like to serve on the committee, please contact Elder Hiro Kono at hd.kono@verizon.net. The submission date is extended until the appropriate number of candidates are selected.

Volunteering | Have a heart for children? Help is needed for teachers and teaching assistants in Children's Ministry on Sundays for children of elementary school age. If you can help, please contact Elder Peter Leung at peter@journeyec.org

This week on campus...

Today 8/25 | 12 PM. Youth Parent meeting today at noon in the youth room
5:15 PM. Youth Escape Room at Cinema Escape Room in Los Alamitos; \$5 admission fee (includes dinner). Bring friends!

Tuesday 8/27 | 2-4 PM. Ping Pong

Friday 8/30 | No Friday Night Fellowship on 8/30 (holiday weekend)

How Are We to Understand the "Kingdom of God?" (Part 1)

Article by Pastor Phil Yoder

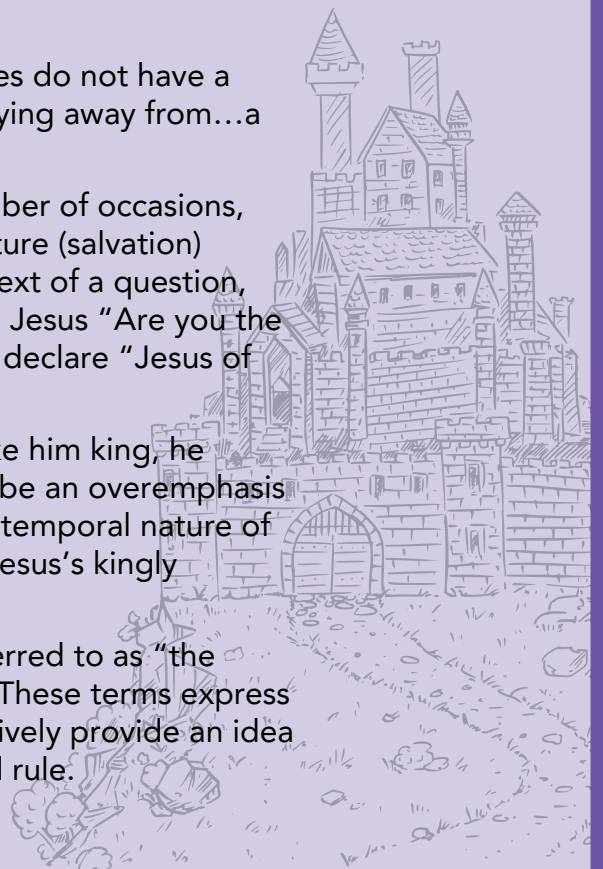
Unlike European countries, the citizens of the United States do not have a king. That's exactly what the founders of the U.S. were staying away from...a dictatorial king who did not allow representation.

Christians have a benevolent king, Jesus Christ. On a number of occasions, Jesus is referred to as a king in temporal (political) and future (salvation) terms. In the New Testament, it is mainly used in the context of a question, challenge or misunderstanding. For example, Pilate asked Jesus "Are you the king of the Jews?" and later had the sign above the cross declare "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

When Jesus realized that the people were seeking to make him king, he withdrew to the mountain in John 6:15. There seemed to be an overemphasis among the Jewish people in that day that focused on the temporal nature of the king rather than the spiritual aspects and benefits of Jesus's kingly ministry.

That leads us to the kingdom of God, sometimes also referred to as "the kingdom of heaven," "the kingdom" or "your kingdom." These terms express a broad range of ideas and spiritual principles that collectively provide an idea as to the nature and characteristics of God's kingdom and rule.

To be continued next week...



After service, please stay for refreshments and fellowship.