

# Welcome to **Journey** EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Labor Day Refreshments

## Today's Service September 8, 2024

Call to Worship .....Elder Ron Jue  
Congregational Worship.....Terri Wong  
Worship Through Scripture.....Pastor Phil Yoder  
Congregational Worship Response.....Terri Wong  
Worship Through Benediction.....Pastor Phil Yoder

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## Sermon Notes – Spotting a Counterfeit Gospel

2 Corinthians 3:1-18 | The Christian life is full of people and activities vying for our attention. In the Corinthian situation, false prophets were requiring they be perfected in their faith by obeying the law of Moses. Paul refutes this by showing four instances of the surpassing glory of the Gospel ministry of the grace of God.

1. Tablets of \_\_\_\_\_ vs. Human \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-3)
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were secondary
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ lives were primary
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (3:4-6)
  - A. A legalistic ministry inflate \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. A God-centered ministry brings \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Glory vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Glory (3:7-11)
  - A. New Covenant glory brings \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. New Covenant glory brings \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. New Covenant glory brings \_\_\_\_\_
4. Concealment vs. \_\_\_\_\_ (3:12-18)
  - A. Moses \_\_\_\_\_ while Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Jews were \_\_\_\_\_ while Gentiles were \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. The world is being \_\_\_\_\_ while I'm being \_\_\_\_\_

HUG small group discussion questions:

1. Why is legalism, at its core, all about self-righteousness?
2. If Israel was open to the law (Old Covenant), then against what or whom were they hardening their hearts?
3. What does it mean to have "liberty in Jesus Christ?"
4. If we must boast, about whom or what would be legitimate boasting?
5. How is the New Covenant (grace of God) different than the Old Covenant (law of God)?
6. When you get to heaven, how will you respond to God asking you "What did you do with my son, Jesus Christ?"

Legalism keeps people immature while liberty in Jesus Christ brings spiritual maturity. Which path will you follow?

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The Deacons would like to support you in prayer. You can email prayer requests to [prayer@journeyec.org](mailto:prayer@journeyec.org)

**Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**

Church members who would like to serve on PNC please contact Elder Hiro Kono at [hd.kono@verizon.net](mailto:hd.kono@verizon.net). The submission date is extended until the appropriate number of candidates are selected.

**Connect through Volunteering**

CFP (Church Finance and Property) is welcoming volunteers to join a dynamic, hands-on team who gather together to maintain GOD's physical house of worship. CFP supports the Leadership Team on church projects, liaises with contractors, and assists with other church needs. For more information, contact Phil JenKin [phil@journeyec.org](mailto:phil@journeyec.org), Dave McLendon [davemclen@journeyec.org](mailto:davemclen@journeyec.org), Dan Liu [danliu10s@gmail.com](mailto:danliu10s@gmail.com), or Bill Wong [bmwong21@yahoo.com](mailto:bmwong21@yahoo.com)

**Got Pictures?**

Please email church life photos for the Sunday Bulletin to [bulletin@journeyec.org](mailto:bulletin@journeyec.org)

**Women's Ministry Brunch with Special GO Team speaker T. Dong**

Saturday 9/28. 11am-1pm. Cost \$10. High school age and up.

Sign-up or email with Trudee Joe at [womensministry@journeyec.org](mailto:womensministry@journeyec.org)

**Connect through church fellowship on campus**

Tuesday 9/10 | 2-4pm Ping Pong

Friday 9/13 | 7-9pm Youth Group Meeting

Saturday 9/14 | 8:30 am-6:30pm Youth Conference, "Stand to Reason Apologetics" at BIOLA University.

Please see Pastor Phil for details. Scholarships available for those attending

| 5-9pm CIA Hug Group

## The Church's Seasons: A Cycle of Renewal

By Elder Rick Chou

Just as nature cycles through its seasons, so too does the life of the church. As the year unfolds, the church experiences periods of growth, reflection, celebration, and renewal. These seasons, while distinct, are interconnected, forming a beautiful tapestry of spiritual life.

### Spring: A Time of Planting and Growth

Springtime brings new life to the natural world, and it's a season of planting and growth for the church as well. This is a time for new beginnings, when we sow seeds of faith, hope, and love. New members may join the congregation, ministries may be launched, and spiritual growth is encouraged through Bible studies, prayer groups, and other activities.

### Summer: A Time of Harvest and Celebration

Summer is a season of harvest, a time to reap the rewards of our spiritual labor. The church may celebrate baptisms, confirmations, or weddings, marking significant milestones in the lives of its members. It's also a time for fellowship and community, with picnics, potlucks, and other social events.

### Autumn: A Time of Reflection and Renewal

As the leaves change color and fall, the church enters a season of reflection and renewal. It's a time to look back on the past year, to give thanks for blessings received, and to acknowledge areas where growth is needed. Fall is also a season of spiritual retreats and conferences, providing opportunities for deeper reflection and spiritual nourishment.

### Winter: A Time of Rest and Renewal

Winter is a season of rest and renewal, both in nature and in the church. While the natural world sleeps, the church may take a break from some of its regular activities, allowing members to focus on personal prayer and reflection. This is also a time for Advent and Christmas, when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and renew our commitment to his teachings.

As the seasons change, so too does the life of the church. Each season offers unique opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and service. By embracing the rhythms of the church year, we can experience a deeper connection to God and to our community of faith.

**After service, please stay for refreshments and fellowship.**