

Welcome to **Journey** EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Martin's baptism by
Pastor Paul Eng.

Today's Service September 1, 2024

Call to Worship..... Elder Ron Jue
Worship Through Communion..... Pastor Phil Yoder
Congregational Worship Through SongJustin Kuo
Worship Through Scriptural Message..... Pastor Phil Yoder
Congregational Worship Response.....Justin Kuo
Worship Through Benediction Pastor Phil Yoder

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Sermon Notes – Marching in the Triumph of Christ

2 Corinthians 2:12-17 | As a minister of the new covenant, Paul reminds the Corinthians that it was their conquering faith in Jesus that would enable them to march in the triumphant victory process with Christ leading the way.

A. Paul desired to proclaim and hear _____ news (12-13)

1. He sought new _____ for the gospel
2. He sought _____ on the Corinthians' status
 - a. Through _____ news
 - b. Through times for " _____ " and " _____ "

B. Paul desired Christ to be the conquering _____ (14-16)

1. He was sure that Christ was _____ him
2. He was sure that Christ was leading him in _____
3. He was sure that Christ was _____ him

C. Paul desired his ministry motives be _____ (17)

1. He did not " _____ " the word for profit
2. He did preach God's Word from _____

Discussion questions:

1. Why was Paul's visit to Troas not done on just "a whim?"
2. In what ways has Christ triumphed over sin? In your life?
3. What are some memories that a certain sweet fragrance brings to your mind?
4. How is the gospel of Christ a "sweet smell" to you?
5. What will be the ultimate consequence of those who "peddle the word of God" from impure motives?
6. From this passage, what will you pray about this week?

Are you in the Lord's army as a servant, or have you been left behind the victory march?

Q: What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?

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

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The Deacons would like to support you in prayer. You can email prayer requests to | prayer@journeyec.org

Connect through Volunteering | Have a heart for children? Teachers and teaching assistants' help are needed in Children's Ministry on Sundays for children in elementary school. If interested, please contact Elder Peter Leung at peter@journeyec.org

Connect through church fellowship on campus

Tuesday 9/3 | 10:30am-12pm JEC Sisters Bible Study
2-4pm Ping Pong

Friday 9/6 | 7-9pm Youth Ministry. For more information, email Pastor Phil at phil.yoder@journeyec.org

Sunday 9/8 | There will not be a Children's Class during Sunday Service.

Saturday 9/28 | 11am-1:00pm Women's Ministry Brunch. Special GO Team speaker T. Dong. Cost \$10. High school age and up. Email Trudee Joe at womensministry@journeyec.org

How Are We to Understand the "Kingdom of God? (Part 2) By Pastor Phil Yoder

Several thoughts and principles make up God's kingdom. First, the kingdom of God is primarily a spiritual kingdom. *"The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17)."* Furthermore, *"flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor can corruption inherit incorruption (1 Cor. 15:50)."*

Secondly, the kingdom of God is contrasted with the kingdom of this present world, that is, the kingdom of Satan. For example, God has rescued Christians from the *"domain of darkness and brought them into the kingdom of the Son He loves (Col. 1:13)."* The good works of His kingdom are contrasted to the works of Satan's rule (casting out of a demon).

Third, the kingdom of God has already arrived, but has not yet reached its fulfillment. The kingdom of God has already *"come near" (Matt. 10:17)* and is in the midst of humanity (Luke 17:20-21). It is gradually increasing in size and influence (Matt. 13:31-33), yet its coming is still to be prayed for (Luke 11:2). Believers are to be alert for the signs of the kingdom's coming (Luke 21:29-26), and also embrace the hardships and sacrifice that mark the path into the kingdom (Luke 18:29-30).

Finally, the kingdom of God is both inclusive of people from *"every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9-10)*

and exclusive, since people may become unfit for entry into the kingdom by the lives they live, choices they make, and attitudes they cherish (Matt. 13, 18, 19, 25).

Ultimately, *"unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3).*

As Christians, we can be

encouraged that our present hope and ultimate destination will be that kingdom, even as Paul states *"The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:18).* What a joy to be both in and looking forward to the culmination of God's kingdom!

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After service, please stay for refreshments and fellowship.

A: "I'd prefer a house with no den."