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REDEEMER WEEKLY

REDEEMER CHURCH OF PIKETON, OHIO

-THE MORNING MESSAGE-

“THE GLORY OF CHRIST REVEALED BY THE SPIRIT”

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12



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And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

This morning’s sermon from 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 calls us to reconsider where true spiritual understanding comes from. In a culture that prizes eloquence, intellect, and influence, the apostle Paul reminds us that saving knowledge of God does not arise from human wisdom but from divine revelation.

Paul points us to the heart of the gospel: Jesus Christ and Him crucified. The glory of Christ is not uncovered by clever arguments or persuasive techniques, but revealed by the Holy Spirit to those whom God calls to life. As we listen today, we are invited to rest our faith not in the strength of men or methods, but in the power of God, who graciously reveals His wisdom through the cross and by His Spirit.

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST



HENRY MAHAN

When the church chases popularity, it risks losing its soul. Pastor Mahan confronts the uncomfortable truth that Jesus is not merely a Savior to be admired, but a King to be obeyed—and asks whether modern religion has quietly pushed His Lordship aside. Read it, reflect, and be challenged.

Rolfe Barnard made an interesting observation years ago when he said: "Sixteen hundred years ago the church was adopted by Rome. Millions of pagans flooded its membership, and they brought with them their pagan culture, tradition and faith. It took that "successful church" a thousand years to recover from that brilliant success. Something like that has happened in our day. In this century the church and religion has been adopted by society, politicians, entertainers, and popular persons. All of a sudden "Jesus" and "the gospel" have become quite popular. Millions have joined up to swell the membership to an all-time high. Results: a church that bears no resemblance to the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Religion" has become man's chief defense against the true gospel! If there is one place that a man does not dare to preach the gospel of God's sovereign grace, it is in the average church."

Church membership has become the best place to hide from God. Religious beliefs and experiences serve as refuges to shield men from the arrows of conviction and the message of real redemption in Christ. Everybody in this super church is "saved" and are insulted if the question of their interest in Christ is raised or even suggested. There is no possible way to confront these "know-so salvationists" with the gospel of God's glory! The so-called church of today exists as a social power, a political power, and as a powerful body in the community but it has lost its true nature as the body of Christ. They have sold their birthright for respectability, social and intellectual acceptance.

Long ago men accused Jesus Christ of revolution and blasphemy and put Him on a cross. Today's religionists, while claiming to believe His Word, have tucked Him neatly away in their sanctuaries. There amid soft music, or hearty singing, the chant of the liturgy or shouts of amen, He can be talked about in theological terms, preached in disguised words so as not to disturb the status quo, (that's Latin for the mess we are in) and accepted as Saviour while men turn thumbs down on His royal claims to reign over His own. Souls can be won to Jesus without disturbing their other relationships, partnerships or style of life. Those who put Him on the cross, hoping to be done with His demands for submission and surrender to His Lordship, were no more deceived than those who have tried to relegate Him to church buildings or the worship of Him to a sabbath day and a decision for Christ. Today's presumption is that God exists to serve and provide for us, whereas the Scriptures indicate that our chief end is to glorify God!

The character in which men refuse and reject the Lord Jesus today is the same character in which they rejected and ridiculed Him two thousand years ago – The King. Those who accused Him said, "He maketh himself a king." The soldiers mocked Him by putting a crown of thorns on His head and saying, "Hail, King of the Jews." Pilate presented Him to the people saying, "Behold, your king." The inscription over His cross read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' It was as The King that the thief on the cross confessed Him and received mercy, "Lord, you are not going to stay dead, you are the King; remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Men today will bend the knee in solemn humility before the throne of grace on which sits the King of Kings and will confess Him to be Lord or they will feel His wrath. There is no debate in the heart of a regenerated man over the Lord's right to reign or His right to do with His own what He will. There is no debate in the true church of the Lord Jesus Christ over his divine sovereignty and His right to show mercy to whom He will and be gracious to whom He will. There is no debate in the mind of the true minister of the gospel as to whether he will preach the sovereignty of Christ in salvation or compromise that message in order to hold his crowd or his pulpit. "Here I stand, I can do no other." The test of a true soldier of Christ is his willingness to do battle exactly at that place where the character and work of His Redeemer is being questioned – today it is the Lordship of Christ in creation, providence, and salvation.

Announcements (DV)



Blessing Box Food Drive

Please bring in non-perishable foods for donation each Sunday as we stock up our Free Store Blessing Box to help families in need.

Spring Bible Conference and Fellowship Dinner Sat. Apr. 11 - Sun Apr. 12, 2026

It's Spring Bible Conference and Fellowship Dinner time once more! Pastor Jason will be preaching. Invite family and friends. We ask everyone to bring a covered dish Sunday and enjoy lunch following the services. The church will supply the main course.

Visit the Church Website!



Visit RedeemerPiketon.org. There you will find Bible study resources, past sermons and teaching videos, ongoing teaching series, and articles. New content is added regularly. Feel free to share the site with friends and family as a trusted, go-to resource centered on the Gospel.

The Church at Worship Sunday February 8, 2025 11:30 AM



Announcements

Call to Worship Pastoral Prayer

Keith Boothe

#857 Revive Us Again

Psalm Reading

Greg Flannery

#865 Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Sermon

Jason Boothe

Communion

(Baptized Christians are invited to partake)

#334 Doxology

Closing Prayer

Keith Boothe

Nicene Creed

325 A.D.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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HOW DO WE REALLY KNOW JESUS?

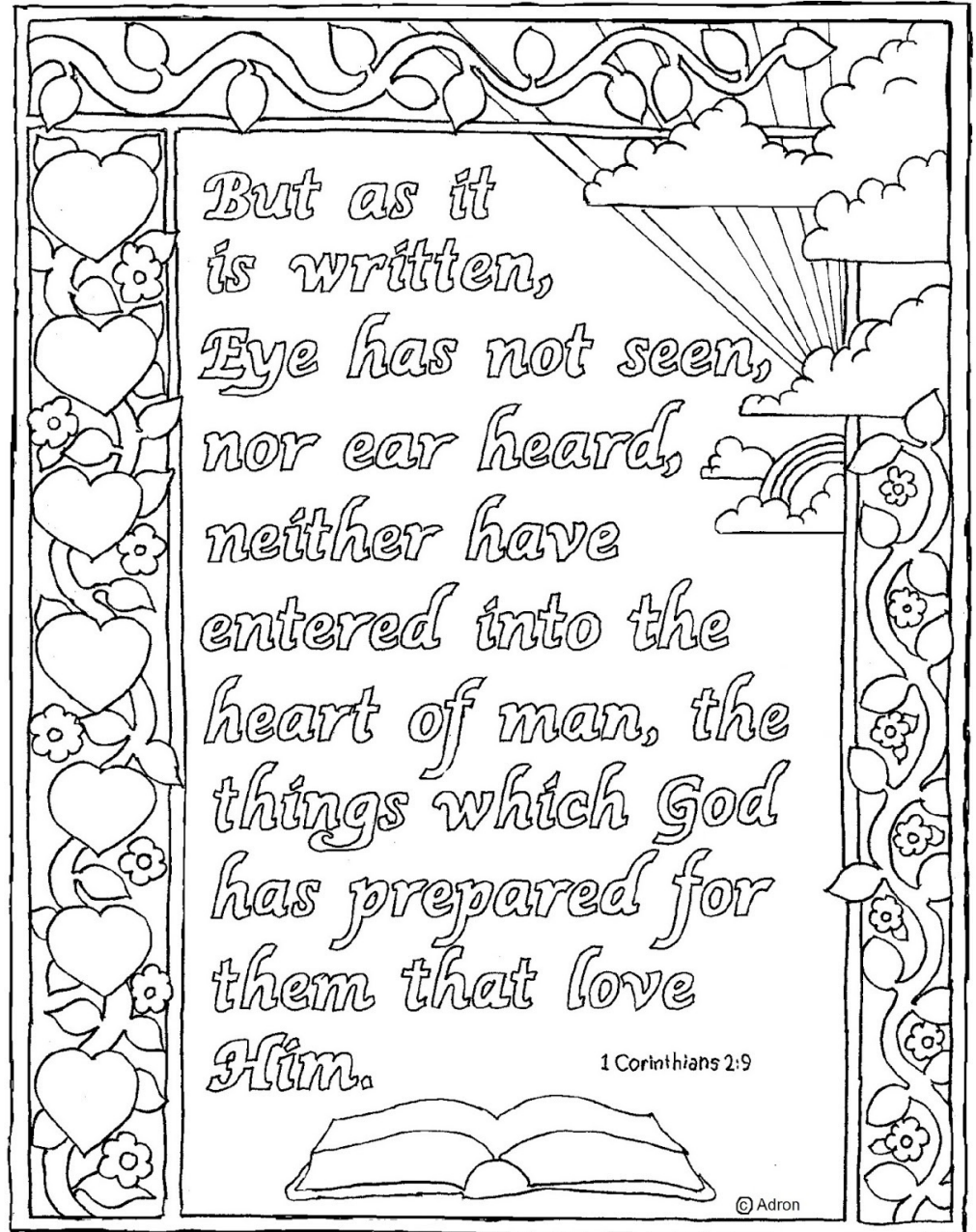


1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

Have you ever tried to understand something that felt too big or too confusing? Maybe a hard math problem or a new game with lots of rules. Sometimes we need help before things make sense. The Bible tells us that knowing Jesus is like that too. We cannot figure Him out on our own. We need God's help.

The apostle Paul told the church that when he preached, he did not try to sound fancy or smart. Instead, he talked about one important thing: Jesus Christ and what He did on the cross. Paul knew that the most important truth in the whole world is that Jesus died for sinners and rose again to save His people.

Paul also explained that God gives us a special helper, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit opens our hearts and helps us understand who Jesus really is. Without the Spirit, people may hear Bible stories but not truly understand them. With the Spirit, we begin to see how wonderful Jesus is and how much He loves His people!



This means that believing in Jesus is not about being the smartest or strongest. It is about trusting God. When we listen to His Word, pray, and ask for His help, God teaches us the truth. He shows us that Jesus is our Savior and our King.

So when you hear the Bible read or preached, remember this: God Himself is teaching you. Ask Him to help you listen, believe, and love Jesus more each day.

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Sovereign Grace Bible Conference

*Saturday 7PM and Sunday 10:30 AM
April 11-12, 2026*

Join us for a weekend of Gospel preaching and teaching
at the Sovereign Grace Bible Conference, presented by
the congregation of Redeemer Church of Piketon, Ohio.

Pastor Jason Boothe will deliver the conference
sermons this year!

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