

This Sunday at CMPC...

This Sunday we move into Revelation 13 in our series *Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*, as Pastor John looks at the first ten verses with his message, *The Triumph of the Beast*, as the book of Revelation takes a surprising turn. Then on Sunday evening we close out the Lord's Day together in worship as Pastor Ben continues our series *Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story*, beginning in Luke 9.18.

Sunday's hymns highlight the battle we are in as the people of God. We gather with a 20th century hymn by Margaret Clarkson, *God of the Ages*. For our hymn of praise, we will sing the most popular hymn of the 21st century, *In Christ Alone* by the Getty/Townsend team. We will then split the great 19th century hymn *The Church's One Foundation* into two and use it as both the hymn of testimony of God's people and the hymn of response to God's word.

Please be in prayer for all those in harm's way and who have experienced loss with this week's hurricane. Pray that God will use the storm to turn people's eyes to him, the God of the storm, and to the one who stills the storm, Jesus Christ.

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* ♦ **Text:** *Revelation 13.1-10* ♦ **Message:** *Triumph of the Beast*

Who is the Beast? 1-2

- Ten horns with ten diadems (crowns), seven heads: extraordinary power and authority
- Receives this power and authority from the Dragon who also had seven heads (with crowns on the head) and ten horns
 - Some see this beast as an individual, comparing him to Paul's anti-Christ.
 - More probably represents a human kingdom
 - The sea itself as a symbol of the state – cf. Isaiah 17.12
 - Its reference point is Rome, but applies to all evil governments throughout history
 - Comes out of the sea like a leopard with feet like a bears and a mouth like a lion's. Cf. Daniel 7. It is a combination of all earthly kingdoms

The World's Worship 3-6

- The Dragon... and the Beast
 - A mortal wound
 - Some say Nero- a tradition he would return
 - But if Revelation is written in the 90's, that would be forgotten
 - More likely, it represents the demise of earthly kingdoms, yet they keep coming back
- A marveling world: worship, 4
 - Astonished by the recovery, people will follow the beast and the hope of the kingdom of this world.
 - In a parody of Christ's resurrection, the kingdom resurrects itself.
- The dragon is worshiped for granting authority to the beast
 - The beast is worshiped for his "resurrection"
 - Since the beast is a winner, he is worshiped
 - "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against him" is a parody of Exodus 15.11, Psalm 35.10
- Blasphemy, 5-6
 - The beast is given a mouth and authority for 42 months.

- Go back to Daniel 7.8,11,20
- Seven blasphemous names- Roman emperors blasphemously claimed deity with Lord, Son of God, Savior
 - Points to the statements pagan governments make... their slogans and creeds
 - Caesar as “lord and god”
- In imitation of God giving authority to his son
 - God allows this
 - God’s motivations are not like Satan’s;
 - Satan wants to replace God
 - Like Antiochus Epiphanes IV
- 3 ½ years: the whole time between Jesus’ ascension and second coming
- Haughty and blasphemous words
 - Blasphemy is ridiculing anything that is holy
 - Focus is on the blasphemy of God and his name, cf. Daniel 7.25
 - God’s names reveal who he is
 - Blaspheming God’s created order
 - The current explosion of STD’s and HIV
 - The physical mutilation and hormonal destruction of confused children
 - The claim that men can have babies
 - Uphold the death of the innocent instead of the sanctity of life
 - Practice immortality instead of living moral and righteous lives

“We shall soon be in a world in which a man may be howled down for saying that two and two make four, in which furious party cries will be raised against anybody who says that cows have horns, in which people will persecute the heresy of calling a triangle a three-sided figure, and hang a man for maddening mob with the news that grass is green.” GK Chesterton

- Also on the dwelling, literally tent/tabernacle
 - God’s dwelling place in the midst of his people
 - Immanuel principle parodied: God’s desire to dwell in the midst of his people
 - Those who dwell in heaven: those who tent in heaven
 - In blaspheming God’s people, he blasphemes those whose citizenship is in heaven, cf. Philippians 3.20
 - Satan desires to dwell

The Beast’s War against the Saints, 7

- The saints on earth are one with the saints already in heaven; yet the beast can only touch those on earth
 - Opposes God and his people: he hates anything and anyone devoted to God
 - To conquer, cf. Daniel 7.21; also Reve 11.7
- The cry of the martyrs
 - But wait: you said...
- Authority parody
- He will be worshiped
 - The desire to worship the kingdom of this world
 - “All who dwell on the earth” is a technical term in Revelation for unbelievers.

- Believers are not worshipping the beast- whoever's name is in the Lamb who slain's book of life.
- The Lamb's Book of Life- written before the foundation of the world, cf. 17.8
 - (some: Jesus crucified before the foundation of the world)
- Verse 9 takes us back to chapters 2 and 3
 - Hence, we learn in advance about the beast's authority, persecutions and slayings of believers.
- When the world worships the beast, we must be ready, cf. Jer 15.2 with verse 10
 - While Jeremiah was warning unbelievers, John is preparing believers
 - For persecution, captivity and for death
 - Does not mean the Lord has lost control; he will ultimately protect

So What About Us?

- The Call to Endure and Believe
- Toughness...
- Faith
- The seeming triumph...

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 2, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP**Prelude***As we quiet our hearts for worship, please
silence all phones and electronic devices.***Welcome and Announcements**Dee Hammond,
Pastor of Missions and Outreach**The Song of Ascent***God's people sang together as they gathered and
traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.***Congregation***God of the Ages*God of the ages, history's Maker,
planning our pathway, holding us fast,
shaping in mercy all that concerns us:
Father, we praise you, Lord of the past.God of this morning, gladly your children
worship before you, trustingly bow;
teach us to know you always among us,
quietly sovereign-- Lord of our now.God of tomorrow, strong overcomer,
princes of darkness own your command:
what then can harm us? We are your people,
now and forever kept by your hand.Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning,
Lord of the future, help us, we pray:
teach us to trust you, love and obey you,
crown you each moment, Lord of today!**ADORATION OF GOD****Call to Worship:**Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for
battle; he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me... I will
sing a new song to you, O God. -Psalm 144.1.2, 9**Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**Declaration of Truth: (Unison)**

Psalm 144.5-8

Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down! Touch the mountains so that they
smoke! Flash forth the lightning and scatter them; send out your arrows and
rout them! Stretch out your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me
from the many waters, from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak lies
and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.**Hymn of Praise***In Christ Alone*In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.© 2001 Kingsway Thankyou Music ARR/UBP ccli #184884**CMPC Mission and Family Life****Mission Moment**

David Godzisz

David is a son of CMPC who along with his wife, Michelle, labors for the gospel
as a church planter in Juarez, Mexico.**Reception of New Members and the Sacrament of Covenant Baptism****Pastoral Prayer***Blest Be the Tie that Binds*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM**Join us tonight as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 9.18-26 in our series,
*Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.***OUR GIFTS TO GOD****The Gift of Music***Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Orchestra

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering*The Doxology*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**Prayer of Thanksgiving****Hymn of Testimony***The Church's One Foundation (1-3) #347**(Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD****Reading of God's Word**

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All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.**Prayer of Illumination****Sermon***The Triumph of the Beast*

Pastor John

Series— *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow***OUR RESPONSE****Prayer of Application****Hymn of Response***The Church's One Foundation (4-6)*

#347

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish Is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor She ever shall prevail.Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

Serving Christ at CMPC October 2

Lock-up	Andy Jobson and Matt Hall
8:30am	
Ushers	Jeff Widstrom, Alex Widstrom, Jeff Brack, Jack Souther, Don Graham, Jake Braselton
Greeters	Sarah Booker
Infants/Toddlers	Nancy Edenfield
Children's Church	Jason Wallis
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Jay Carson, Kim Reed, Andy Wald, Caleb Wald, Stephen Wald, Benjamin Wald
Greeters	<i>sign up to serve at cmpca.org/greeters</i>
Infants/Toddlers	Ruth Ensley and Sarah Booker
Children's Church	Steve Saville
Junior Assistants	Grey Geist and Sydney Saville
6:30pm	
Nursery	Marie Tiano
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:15	Kids of the Kingdom
6:30	Sunday Evening Service
Wednesday	Wednesday Night Alive
5:30	Meal (Meatloaf)
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group



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