



# Welcome!

**July 11, 2021**

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!” -John 8:36

## Our Worship Gathering

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Call to Worship

Worship through Song

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Worship through Scripture

The Victorious Christ | 1 Peter 3:13-22 | Pastor Scott

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**\*\*If you'd like to *worship by giving*, there is an offering box in the back. You can also give through the app and web page\*\***

### **Colorado Freedom Church**

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Sundays: Kids and Youth; 5-6 pm; Grades K-12

## Announcements:

- Visit the App Store or Google Play and download the FC App!
- Please consider setting up recurring online giving through the app or web page.
- If you are interested in partnership, please pick up an information packet at the information table.

## Upcoming Events:

- July 18-21 Connect Conference @ Maranatha Camp; register at [weareberean.org/events](http://weareberean.org/events)
- July 24: Food Distribution with Compassion Food. 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- August ?: Start of Financial Peace University
- September 16: Back to Church Sunday

## Prayer Matters

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever!*

*Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)

### Berean Church

Valentine, NE – Berean Bible Church (Scott & Keri)

### Global Outreach

The Kaufmann's (Nashville, TN)

### Other

**The Victorious Christ | 1 Peter 3:13-22**  
**Pastor Scott Maxon | Colorado Freedom Church**

<sup>13</sup> Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.

<sup>15a</sup> Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life.

<sup>15b</sup> And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. <sup>16</sup> But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

Gk-*apologia* = apologetics; organized, thoughtful defense of the faith.

Practical: Here's how people can be ready to witness (From the *Life Application Bible Commentary*):

- Pray, read the Bible, and review God's promises every day. Then you'll be ready to explain why you're hopeful.
- Make praising Christ your daily practice. If you focus on his power and glory, you will be fortified and courageous to speak to others.
- Be as natural in witnessing as you are in conversation. Talk like you, not imitating anyone else. Find the clues in your life that help explain God's Good News to others. If you are a plumber, talk about God's love like running water. If you are a doctor, portray God's love as a healing force.
- Respond with care. Trust God to melt stony hearts. "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1 NIV).
- Listen to your audience. Where are their heads and hearts? What burdens them? Listen long and hard. Frame your witness in the words and at the level your audience will understand.

<sup>16b</sup> Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. <sup>17</sup> Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

Webster's 1828: Internal or self-knowledge, or judgment of right and wrong; or the faculty, power or principle within us, which decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our own actions and affections, and instantly approves or condemns them.

<sup>18</sup> Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

*penal substitutionary atonement*... Jesus paid the penalty for sins (penal) as a substitute in our place (substitutionary) to undo the effects of our sin and restore us to God (atonement)

<sup>19</sup> So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— <sup>20</sup> those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood.

Luther: “A wonderful text is this, and a more obscure passage perhaps than any other in the NT, so that I do not know for a certainty just what Peter means.” HUMILITY

Three main questions:

1. When did Christ make his proclamation;
2. to whom;
3. what did Christ proclaim

Three traditional answers:

1. Between Christ’s death and resurrection, he went to hades and preached salvation. NO second chances after death.
2. Jesus went to hades and announced his victory (to unbelievers or demonic spirits)
3. The preincarnate Christ preaching through Noah to those who are now spirits in prison because they rejected Christ.

<sup>21</sup> And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

John 5:24-“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.”

The correct order:

1. Christ was baptized unto death for me at Calvary.
2. When I trust Him as Lord and Savior, I am spiritually united with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection.
3. Through the knowledge that He has risen, my request for a clear conscience is answered.
4. In water baptism, I give visible expression to the spiritual deliverance I have experienced.

<sup>22</sup> Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

### **NOW WHAT?**

1. Worship Christ as Lord.
2. Work to keep a clear conscience.
3. Water baptism-don’t wait!