

# Identity in the King: Crossing the Rubicon

May 7, 2023 / Rev. Craig Swartz / [Mark 12:28-34](#) / Redeemer Church Riverview

We Worship the God of Love

[Psalm 36:5](#)

Welcome

Song of Praise "Grace Alone"

Call to Worship [Psalm 36:5-9](#)

Song of Praise "Joyful, Joyful"

Confession of Faith [1 John 4:7](#), [11](#), [12](#)

Song of Praise "Great are You Lord"

Prayer of Adoration

Greet One Another

Ministry Spotlight – Graduates

Prayer of Intercession

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Song of Preparation "What Love my God"

Scripture Reading [Mark 12:28-34](#)

Sermon "Crossing the Rubicon" Rev. Craig Swartz

Prayer of Commitment

Song of Response "They'll Know We are Christians"

Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

[Acts 16:31](#)

"For science, the end of the evolution struggle is simply represented by 'survival.' As for the means to the end, apparently anything goes. Darwinism leaves humanity without a moral compass." **Bruce Lipton**

1st main point

THE  OF LOVE

[Micah 6:8](#)

[Habakkuk 2:4b](#)

"What you would not want done to you, do not do to your neighbor." **Rabbi Hillel**

"This is the essence of the law. Everything else is mere commentary on it." **Rabbi Hillel**

[Mark 12:32](#)

"We must do this by loving one another, by discovering things about nature, by creating works of art. We may not be in any great cosmic drama but faced with an unloving, impersonal universe, we can none the less create for ourselves a little island of warmth and love and science and art." **Steven Weinberg**

2nd main point

2. THE  OF LOVE

[Mark 12:34b](#)

[Psalm 19:7-10](#)

[Matthew 22:40](#)

“Love is represented as the fulfilling of the law, –a creature’s perfection. All other graces, all divine dispensations, contribute to this, and are lost in it as in a heaven. It expels the dross of our nature; it overcomes sorrow; it is the full joy of our Lord.” **Richard Hooker**

“There is that stain in everyone, one that indwells, one that is inherent. We leave a stain, we leave a trail, we leave our imprint. Impurity, cruelty, abuse, error, excrement – there’s no other way to be here. It is the stain that is there before it leaves its mark.” **Philip Roth**

3rd main point

THE  OF LOVE

[Mark 12:32-34](#)

“Religious people obey the law out of an empty heart, using God to try and fill their heart with blessings. A real Christian is someone who obeys God out of a full heart just simply trying to delight God and the people around him showing them who He is in Himself.” **Jonathan Edwards**

“In the evening I went unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter to nine, while he was describing the change which God worked in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the Law, and sin and death.” **John Wesley**

“Not the labor of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands; Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone, thou must save and thou alone. Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul I to the fountain fly, wash me savior or I die.” **Augustus Toplady**