

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



May 26, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

II Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

**Armor of God #7**

We are more than conquerors in Christ. Today we clothe ourselves in the full armor of God. Help us Lord to be alert and to persevere in prayer at all times for believers (and unbelievers) everywhere, rejoicing always, and giving thanks in all circumstances.

-Ephesians 6: 10-18

-1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18



III. "Our Identity & Destiny In Christ"

Ephesians 1:9-12

Pastor Gary Barber

❖ Ephesians – The "Yosemite" of the Bible

Review

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. <sup>5</sup>In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:3-8 (NIV/HCSB)

<sup>9</sup>He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him, <sup>10</sup>regarding His plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. Ephesians 1:9, 10 (NASB)

<sup>11</sup>In Him we also have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things in accordance with the plan of His will, <sup>12</sup>to the end that we who were the first to hope in the Christ would be to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:11, 12 (NASB)

- Why do you exist? What is your purpose and destiny?

Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.”  
Isaiah 43:7 (NLT)

#### ❖ Our Identity “in Christ”

In Christ we have:

- Every spiritual blessing
- Been chosen to be holy and blameless
- Been adopted to sonship
- Acceptance (Favor/Grace)
- Redemption (Liberty)
- Forgiveness of sins
- Wisdom and understanding
- Unity under Christ's Headship
- An inheritance
- A destiny to glorify God



## Our Destiny "in Christ"

Our destiny is to come under the Headship of Christ in the new creation with redeemed humanity, elect angels, and the entire universe to the praise of God's glory.

➤ Psalm 103:1-5, 9-22

- Praise and Prayer

## IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

### **Stewardship Principle #3**

The wise person saves.  
The foolish person spends everything.

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)

### **4Ways to Give:**

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2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
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