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|Mission Harvest Baptist Church

Preparing with God: "Christ in the Midst"

Intro: This summer, we worked through the Book of Ephesians to lay our foundation as a church plant here in Clarksville. The theme of Ephesians is the Body of Christ: Our Position in Him, Our Walk With Him, and Bringing Him Maximum Glory. If we are going to be **fully purposed** to **walk worthy** with the Lord Jesus Christ here in Clarksville, we need to take some time to examine ourselves before the Lord in light of what He is calling us to do and ensure He is **in the midst** of us. Here are three key questions for introspection in today's message:

1. Is Christ in the midst of _____?
2. Is Christ in the midst of my _____?
3. Is Christ in the midst of _____?

Communion (1 Cor. 11:17-34)

Three Goals of a Communion Service:

REMEMBER (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

EXAMINE (1 Cor. 11:28)

JUDGE (1 Cor. 11:31)

Revelation 2:1-7: "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write..."

1. The Introduction (Rev. 2:1)

"He that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand..."

*The ministry of this church is in Jesus' _____, first and foremost
The ministry of this church should _____ the position of Jesus Christ (Col. 1:15-19)*

*"Who walketh **in the midst** of the seven golden candlesticks..."*

Jesus is in the midst of everything we do and say as a church – it is HIS WORK

2. The Commendation (Rev. 2:2-3)

"Thy works" – this church was doing all the _____ . Their work matched His work.

"Thy labour" – this church had no illusions the work would be quick and easy; they were willing to labour and endure hardness to get the work done completely

"How thou canst not bear" – this church was _____ of evil people and evil behaviour; it's standards of good and evil matched God's standards

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"Thou hast tried them" – this church used the Book to _____ any one and any thing that called itself Christian and called out liars and imposters

"And hast borne" – this church as borne fruit and has borne burdens

"And hast patience" – this church is clearly in it for the long-haul, not the quick win

"And hast not fainted" – this church has backbone – they are _____

3. The Condemnation (Rev. 2:4)

"Thy first love..." The _____

Matt. 22:37-38 –

Eph. 3:17-19; Eph. 5:2 –

4. The Exhortation (Rev. 2:5-7)

*"Remember...repent...do the **first works**..."*

Take a walk down memory lane with the Lord:

Remember? I gave you GRACE and PEACE (Eph. 1:2) –

I created you unto good works (Eph. 2:10) –

I called you to walk worthy...in the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:1-4) –

I called you to walk in LOVE (Eph. 5:2) –

I called you to walk in the LIGHT (Eph. 5:8) –

I called you to walk CIRCUMSPECTLY (Eph. 5:16) –

I called you to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18) –

I called you to submit yourselves one to another in the fear of God (Eph. 5:21) –

I called you to walk circumspectly in marriage (Eph. 5:22-33) –

I called you to walk circumspectly in the home (Eph. 6:1-4); to rule your households well (1 Tim. 3:4) –

I called you to walk circumspectly in the workplace that I might use you to draw the lost to myself (Eph. 6:5-9) –

"Hear...overcome..."

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