

# Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for  
February 11, 2024

*"Depart from evil and do good;  
Seek peace and pursue it." - Psalm 34:14*



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“\*” = Please stand if you are able.

## Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

### Call to Worship – Amos 5:14-15

*Leader: Seek good*

**People: And not evil,**

*Leader: That you may live; And thus may the LORD God of hosts be with you,*

**People: Just as you have said!**

*Leader: Hate evil,*

**People: Love good,**

*Leader: And establish justice in the gate! Perhaps the LORD God of hosts*

**People: May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.**

### Prayer of Invocation and Confession

#### Gospel Absolution Text – Galatians 2:16

\*Hymn #591 (red hymnal) – “Jesus Calls Us”

### Scripture Reading – Isaiah 5:20-24; 1Peter 4:1-11

### Ancient Creedal Reading – Apostles Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

### Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

\*Doxology #731 (red hymnal)

*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 Dedication

\*Sung Psalm #34c (see insert below) – “O Sons and Daughters”

### Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer (sins)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## **Reformation Creedal Reading – Westminster Larger Catechism (1647 AD), Q#135**

**Leader:** *The duties required in the sixth commandment (which is “You shall not murder”) are all careful studies, and lawful endeavors,*

**People:** **To preserve the life of ourselves (Eph 5:28-29) and others (1Kgs 18:4)**

**Leader:** *By resisting all thoughts and purposes, (Jer 26:15-16; Acts 23:12,16-17,21,27) subduing all passions, (Eph 4:26-27) and avoiding all occasions, (2Sam 2:22; Deut 22:8) temptations, (Matt 4:6-7; Prov 1:10,11,15-16) and practices,*

**People:** **Which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any;**  
(1Sam 24:12; 26:9-11; Gen 37:21-22)

**Leader:** *By just defense thereof against violence, (Ps 82:4; Prov 24:11-12; 1Sam 14:45) patient bearing of the hand of God, (James 5:7-11; Heb 12:9)*

**People:** **Quietness of mind, (1Thes 4:11; 1Pet 3:3-4; Ps 37:8-11) cheerfulness of spirit;**  
(Prov 17:22)

**Leader:** *A sober use of meat, (i.e. food, Prov 25:16,27) drink, (1Tim 5:23) physick, (i.e. medicines, Is 38:21)*

**People:** **Sleep, (Ps 127:2) labor, (Eccl 5:12; 2Thes 3:10,12; Prov 16:26) and recreations;**  
(Eccl 3:4,11)

**Leader:** *By charitable thoughts, (1Sam 19:4-5; 22:13-14) love, (Rom 13:10) compassion, (Luke 10:33-34) meekness, gentleness, kindness; (Col 3:12-13) peaceable, (James 3:17)*

**People:** **Mild and courteous speeches and behavior; (1Pet 3:8-11; Prov 15:1, Judg 8:1-3)**

**Leader:** *Forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries,*

**People:** **And requiting good for evil; (Matt 5:24; Eph 4:2,32; Rom 12:17,20)**

**Leader:** *Comforting and succouring (i.e. helping) the distressed*

**People:** **And protecting and defending the innocent.**  
(1Thes 5:14; Job 31:19-20; Matt 25:35-36; Prov 31:8-9)

## **Ministry of the Word**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**\*Sermon Text** – Titus 1:7-8

**\*Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Sermon** – “Moral Standards”

A Sermon Series from the Letter of Paul to Titus

**\*Hymn #599** (red hymnal) – “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

**\*Benediction** – Numbers 6:24-26

[After service there is coffee hour fellowship downstairs – Everyone is welcome!]

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## Announcements

- **Church starting time will change in March!**

9:00 – 10:15 AM

**Sunday School starts!**

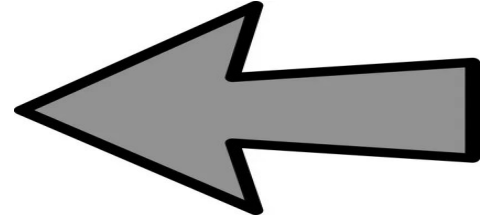
**10:30 – c.11:40 AM**

**Worship**

c.11:40 AM –>

Coffee Hour

- There are copies of TRC's bylaws in the back.
- If anyone has any suggestions or concerns for this new church, and/or would like to give of their time and/or talents, please see Pastor Doug.



## Events

- Sunday School Teacher Training will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at Pastor Doug's house.
- **New Members Classes:** For those who were not members of the old church there will soon be New Membership Classes. Please see Pastor Doug if you are interested. There will be four classes. If you have not been baptized, please mention this.
- **Tuesday Classics Study:** Augustine's City of God. Every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to noon at Pastor Doug's house.
- **Wednesday Bible Study:** Genesis. Every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Pastor Doug's house. Baby sitting will be provided by Verna.
- **Saturday Prayer Group:** Gathers on Saturday Mornings for informal prayers and fellowship. All are welcome and prayer participation is optional. The usual location is at the Decker-Gabelmann household. Start time is variable. If you are interested contact Sheryl Gabelmann by phone or text at 860-309-7250 the preceding Friday for start time and directions.
- **YADG:** The Young Adult Discussion Group, i.e. college age adults, will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at Pastor Doug's house at 7:00 PM.
- **Upcoming Social Events:** A Movie Night.
- If anyone is interested in hosting an event at their house, especially those who live in the farther away regions of the church's membership, please contact Pastor Doug.
- **Snow Policy:** Though we loath to cancel Lord's Day worship, because we are in someone else's building, and Winchester Center is rural and gets more snow, we might have to cancel due to bad weather. If there is a cancellation, I will email and/or call everyone and post it on Facebook, the webpage and Channel #3. With regards to Bible studies, we are much more liberal about cancellation. When in doubt, give Pastor Doug a call: 860-379-1147.

## Contact Information

**Worship:** Every Sunday at 10:00 AM at the Winchester Grange  
100 Newfield Rd, Winchester Center, CT 06098

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## Online Resources

**Church's Facebook Page:** [facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/](https://facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/)

**Church's Webpage:** [TrinityReformedCT.org](http://TrinityReformedCT.org) (*under construction*)

**Church Youtube Channel:** [youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT](https://youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT)

**Pastor Doug's Youtube Channels:**

*Simply Reformed:* [youtube.com/simplyreformed](https://youtube.com/simplyreformed)

*Pilgrims of Plunder:* [youtube.com/@PilgrimsofPlunder](https://youtube.com/@PilgrimsofPlunder)

*Liking, Commenting, Sharing facebook posts and Subscribing, Liking, Commenting on youtube helps boost TRC's online outreach.*

## Leadership

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**Music Coordinator & Treasurer:** Cindy Rines

**Clerk:** Sheryl Gabelmann

**Sunday School:** Verna Aldrich, Mason Goodell

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## Sermon Notes

Titus 1:7-8  
"Moral Standards"  
A Sermon Series on Titus  
February 11, 2024

### Introduction

- 1) Titus is one of the "Pastoral Epistles", those letters from the Apostle Paul to pastors (Timothy & Titus) on how to lead the church.
  - a) In Titus 1:1-5, the Apostle Paul commands pastor Titus to appoint elders in the young churches on the Island of Crete.
  - b) In Titus 1:6ff we get the qualification of an elder. 1Tim 3:1-13
- 2) How do we read and apply this section?
  - a) First, and foremost, it teaches us the importance of the church, something modern Evangelicals have little understanding about.
    - i) It shows what standards we should use in selecting church leaders. (Especially in pastor/elders but also all leaders.)
    - ii) And what we should promote in young men, and/or new converts, who might in the future make good leaders.
  - b) It is also a guide for all Christians.
    - i) Even if you are not in leadership, you can encourage these virtues in the leaders.
      - Paul reminded pastor Timothy about the faith of his grandmother Lois. 2Tim 1:5
      - And how he learned Scripture from childhood. 2Tim 3:15
    - ii) Throughout the Bible the Apostles 1Cor 4:16; 11:1; Phil 3:17; 4:9;  
tell us to imitate them. 1Thes 1:6; 2Thes 3:9; Heb 6:12; 13:7
      - Not in the sense of trying to be Apostles.
      - But in imitating their faith and good works as listed in Titus. Eph 4:31-5:3

- 3) Paul has given three broad categories on how to judge a man for the elder role:
- a) **Familial:** How a man governs his family. Titus 1:6
  - b) **Moral:** The moral character of man; Today's sermon. Titus 1:7-8
    - i) Verse 7 are sins to be avoided.
    - ii) Verse 8 are virtues to be pursued.
    - iii) This is certainly not an exhaustive list.
    - iv) It does follow the great definition of sanctification (a life of holiness):  
To daily die to sin and daily to live for Christ. Rom 6:1ff
  - c) **Dogmatic Abilities:** Next week's sermon. Titus 1:9ff
- 4) If you listen carefully to today's list of vices to avoid and virtues to encourage you can hear the Ten Commandments, especially Commandment #6 ("Thou shall not murder.")
- a) Remember how the Puritans gloriously understood the commandments.
  - b) First the narrow definition: Don't murder.
    - i) Next the broader application: Don't engage in murderous like activity.  
(i.e. assault, lover of self, quick-tempered, drunkard, violent, etc.)
    - ii) But then flip it around and do the opposite: Those things that promote life.  
(i.e. hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, devout, self-controlled, etc.)
  - c) For such teaching see: Westminster Larger Catechism, Q#92-152  
Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q#40-83  
Heidelberg Catechism, Q#91-115
- 5) These are high standards, which makes sense, since the church is the most important organization ever created, so there must be high standards for those who teach and lead. And Scripture gives guidelines in how the church can discipline an elder who sins. Eph 1:19-23  
Heb 12:22-24  
James 3:1  
1Tim 5:19-20
- 6) They should be applied with charity and note the language is not about perfection.
- a) It doesn't say "*their children never make mistakes*" but "*not accused of dissipation (debauchery) or rebellion*".
    - i) It doesn't say "*never gets angry*" but "*not quick-tempered*".
    - ii) It doesn't say "*never drinks wine*" but "*addicted to wine*".
  - b) Remember to always look to the log in your own eye before you take the speck out of your brother's eyes. Matt 7:3-5
- 7) We judge by biblical standards not the world's.
- a) God defines what is "pugnacious", "hospitable" and especially "what is good" means.
  - b) Not the godless, no matter how much worldly power they might have.
- 8) Let's go through each of these vices & virtues quickly.

## **Titus 1:7 – Sins to Avoid**

- 1) **Not Self-Willed** Gen 49:3,7; Prov 21:24; 2Pet 2:10
  - a) This is the sin of being focused and pleased with oneself, engaging in self-love, which leads to not focusing on others.

- i) It is to be insolent (proud, haughty, overbearing) and/or surly (crabby, rude, gloomy).
- ii) The opposite of the virtues of being courteous (polite, well-bred, elegant in manners) and/or affable (easy in conversation and pleasant in manners).
- b) To show how godless and insane our world has become, when is the last time you heard such words as “insolent, haughty, courteous, affable, well-bred, etc.”?
- c) More troubling: Our godless culture demands we love our selves, which is damnable.
  - i) As see by such insane statements as: “*Believe in yourself*”, “*you can’t love others until you love yourself*”, “*take care of yourself first*”, etc.
  - ii) To focus on yourself, whether out of arrogance or self-pity, is to be self-willed.
- d) Christians know self-love is the problem. Prov 16:18; Rom 12:3; Phil 2:3,21; 2Tim 3:2
  - i) If you think you’re entitled to anything by your own being, except the wrath of God, you are not only self-willed but delusional. Rom 3:10-20
  - ii) We are commanded to repent (i.e. turn away from the self), trust in Christ, and love God and our neighbor, not ourselves. Acts 2:36-38  
Matt 22:36-40
  - iii) If you find your life, you will lose it, however, if you deny yourself and lose your life for Christ’s sake, you will find it. Matt 10:31-39  
Matt 16:24-28

## 2) Not Quick-Tempered

- a) This is the sin of being inclined to anger, to be short-tempered and/or irritable. Ps 37:8;  
Eph 4:31; Col 3:8
- b) The Lord Jesus equates anger as a type of murder. Matt 5:21-26
- c) We are to avoid those who love anger. Prov 22:24-25; 29:22
- d) It is a great virtue to be slow to anger. Prov 14:9; 15:18; 16:32; 19:11; Eccl 7:9; James 1:19-20
- e) There is a place for righteous anger. Ps 4:4; Prov 19:11; Mark 3:5;  
When is the place for anger righteous? John 2:13-16; Eph 4:26-27
  - i) It’s never about your ego but concern about the dignity of God and/or your neighbor.
  - ii) It’s usually about witnessing an immediate and egregious violation of God’s Law.
  - iii) One’s anger must only be temporary.
- f) One way to test if you have self-will and/or anger problems is to ask:
  - i) Do you take correction, especially from those over you, well? Prov 10:17; 12:1; 15:5,32;  
2Tim 3:16; Heb 12:5
  - ii) Are you quick to forgive? Matt 6:14-15; 7:2; 18:35  
(Which Jesus teaches is a sign of true faith.)
  - iii) Anger on the inside counts as anger too. Job 36:13; Eccl 7:9; 11:10
- g) Yes, you can call for justice, however, to be consumed by anger, even if wronged, leads to far greater sins.
  - i) Want to know what hell is like?
  - ii) An eternity of being consumed by anger and hatred against God.
  - iii) Hence the “gnashing” from the Lord’s famous description of hell as a place of “weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matt 8:12; 13:42,50; 22:13;  
24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28



- iv) Gnashing means to grind one's teeth in rage and anguish.
- v) That is why C.S. Lewis correctly stated that hell is locked from the inside.
- h) To fight anger remember that your sins against a holy God are far worse than any sin that has been committed against you. Luke 18:9-4
- i) If Christ fully forgives you, how can you not forgive others?

### 3) Not Addicted to Wine

- a) Both OT & NT warn leaders about alcohol. Lev 10:7; Ezek 44:21; Luke 1:15; 1 Tim 3:3
- b) It's true Scripture does not forbid having some alcohol. Ps 104:15; John 2:3-10; 1Tim 5:23
- c) The Scriptures do frequently warn about the dangers of drunkenness and strong drink (this includes drugs too). Prov 20:1; 23:20-21,29-30; 31:5-7; Is 5:22; 28:7; Hos 4:11; Matt 24:49; Luke 21:34 Rom 13:13; 1Cor 6:10; Eph 5:18; Gal 5:21; 1Tim 3:3,8
- d) Proverbs 20:1 – *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.”*
  - i) Note how these sins can be tied together.
  - ii) Self-willed, quick-tempered, drunkenness and being pugnacious.

### 4) Not Pugnacious

- a) Literally "a striker", from the word "to strike." 1Tim 3:3
- b) This is the sin of loving to fight, being a bully, a violent man.
  - i) Either literally, as someone who loves physical violence.
  - ii) Or, figuratively, as a reviler, one who loves to verbally beat up people with violent language, being contentious for contentiousness sake, and/or being a quarreler.
- c) This is not against having a martial career (police officer, soldier, etc.), or enjoying martial arts or even a good debate. (Men get this better than women.)
- d) Being strong, courageous and speaking the truth is not being pugnacious.
  - i) Our secular feminized culture calls any Christians who dares to speak up as "pugnacious" or usually "not loving", this is hogwash.
  - ii) Note what is required of elders in upcoming later verses:
    - *"able . . . to refute those who contradict"* - Titus 1:9
    - The wicked in the church *"must be silenced"* and reproved *"severely"*. - Titus 1:11,13
- e) The difference between godly correction and being pugnacious is the reason and spirit the correction is given.

### 5) Not Fond of Sordid Gain

1Tim 3:3,8

- a) Or as the KJV wonderfully puts it: *“not given to filthy lucre.”*
- b) Church leaders in particular are to be *“free from the love of money.”* - 1Timothy 3:3
 

1Peter 5:2 – *“shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;”*

- c) The Bible is not against being paid for an honest day's work.
- i) Even pastors can get paid. Ex 30:12-16; 2Chr 24:4-11; Luke 10:7; 1Cor 9:14; 1Tim 5:18
  - ii) And it is a man's duty to provide for his family.
  - iii) 1Timothy 5:8 – *“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*
- d) Bible frequently warns about greed and the dangers of money. Prov 11:28; Ps 49:6; 52:7; 62:10; Eccl 5:10; Zech 11:5; Mark 10:25; Luke 12:15; Col 3:5; 1Tim 6:9,17; Rev 3:17
- i) 1Timothy 6:9-10 – *“But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”*
  - ii) Remember the Lord Jesus' warning about the love of mammon (i.e. “worldly wealth”, “riches”). Matt 6:24; Luke 16:9,11,13  
Matthew 6:24 – *“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”*

## **Titus 1:8 – Virtues to Encourage**

### **1) Hospitable**

1Tim 3:2

- a) If filthy lucre is a sin then being hospitable is a virtue.
- b) This is to show care for one's neighbor, especially to strangers and the weak.<sup>1</sup> 1Tim 5:10; Heb 13:2
- c) To give such charity, in faith, is to do it unto Christ. Matt 25:35ff
- d) Elders are called to be hospitable, and there is great blessing for an elder to be married, since women get this virtue much better than men.
- e) Christians are to be hospitable to each other. Rom 12:13; 1Pet 4:9
- f) Because generosity is sign of godliness. Prov 11:25; Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35

### **2) Loving What is Good**

- a) This is probably one of the most important virtues.
- b) We are to love, like, desire, and desire to promoted “what is good.”
- c) The word for “good” here is something that has moral value. Titus 1:16; 2:5,10; 3:1
- d) This is defined by God and not by man.
  - i) Goodness exists because God is good. Ps 34:8; 100:5; 73:1; Jer 33:11; 1Tim 4:4
  - ii) Goodness is a reflection of God's character.
  - iii) To understand what is good then study God's Law and believe in Christ's Gospel. Neh 9:13; Rom 7:16; 1Tim 1:8; Titus 3:3-8
- e) Be very careful not to let the world tell us what it thinks is good or evil.
  - i) This fallen world hates what is good. 2Tim 3:3

<sup>1</sup> God has a special concern for the widow, stranger, poor, afflicted, needy and the oppressed. Ex 22:21-24; 23:9; Lev 19:33-34; 25:35-43; Deut 15:7-18; 10:18; 14:29; 16:11,14; 24:14,17-21; 26:12; 27:19; Ps 9:9; 10:14,18; 68:5; 72:4,13-14; 82:3; 146:9; Prov 14:31; 17:5; 19:17; 23:10-11; 28:27-28; Is 1:17; 11:4; Jer 5:28; 7:5-6; 22:3,16; Zech 7:9-10; Luke 4:18-21; James 2:2-6



- ii) Make sure God and His ways dominate the center not the world's agenda.
- iii) Remember the warnings of Isaiah 5:20-24.

### 3) **Sensible**

- a) This is to be moderate, self-controlled, prudent, sober-minded. 1Tim 3:2; Titus 2:2,5
- b) This has to be done by God's standards, not the world's.
  - i) Being squishy is not being sensible.
  - ii) Being lukewarm is not a good thing, remember Laodicea. Rev 3:15-16

### 4) **Just**

- a) This is about being righteous, upright, proper, to live and judge according to God's standards.
- b) One of the most important skills for a teaching & preaching elder is to rightly divide God's Law and Christ's Gospel, which takes a lot of skill and understanding. 2Tim 2:15  
1Cor 4:6
- c) Living that right division out is a major aspect of holiness for all Christians.
  - i) 1Timothy 1:8 – *“But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully,”*
  - ii) Romans 6:15 – *“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!”*
- d) Finding that right balance between a zeal for holiness and charity is a critical thing in the church and in life.
  - i) Balancing hospitality, goodness, justice and holiness requires a lot of wisdom and sensibility.
  - ii) Think of your own life when raising children: When do you use the carrot and when do you use the stick?
  - iii) Think of the famous list of a “time for everything” in Ecclesiastes 3:1-10. When should you speak and when should you be silent?

### 5) **Devout**

- a) Elders are to be “devout” which means “holy, sacred, set apart, consecrated.” 1Thes 2:10
  - i) That is why leaders are “ordained”. Acts 6:6; 1Tim 4:14; 5:22; 2Tim 1:6
  - ii) They are set apart to be committed to a particular work for the church.
  - iii) More about this next week when we look at the elders' duties.
- b) Of course, all Christians are holy, set apart by Christ, and thus, must live holy lives. 1Pet 2:4-10  
Eph 4:24

### 6) **Self-Controlled**

- a) This is to be disciplined. To possess the power to hold fast. To be stout, strong. To be a master of oneself.
- b) From this ability comes all the other virtues and the ability to avoid the vices, by the grace of God and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
  - i) Addiction to the world doesn't not lead to happiness but to despair.
  - ii) In discipline, comes freedom. Rom 8:21; Gal 5:1,13; 1Pet 2:16

## Conclusion

- 1) To avoid these vices, and to have and to promote these virtues, is a critical calling for church leaders and the church in general.
- 2) The key to doing them comes from:
  - a) Knowing God's nature as taught in His Law. Ps 119
  - b) Fearing the Lord. Prov 1:7
  - c) Living in the Holy Spirit, which produces the foundational fruits of faith, hope and love, in Christ. Rom 5:1ff  
1Cor 13:4ff
  - d) And to rest in the Gospel of Christ.
- 3) That last one, the Gospel, is where the power of God lies. Rom 1:16-17; 1Cor 1:18,24; 2:5;  
2Cor 6:7; 13:4; 2Tim 1:8; 1Pet 1:5
- 4) Titus 1:7-8 is all Law, which is good. Rom 7:16; 1Tim 1:8
  - a) In any Law text, however, hear the Gospel too by hearing Christ. Gal 3:24; Rom 7:7-8
  - b) The Lord Jesus is not self-willed but perfectly does the Father's will, which is for Him to die for His people and save them. John 5:30  
John 6:38-39
  - c) God is slow to anger. Ex 34:6; Neh 9:17; Ps 86:15; 103:8; 145:8;  
Num 14:18; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2; Nah 1:3  
And the Father's wrath is removed, propitiated, Rom 3:25; Heb 2:17  
by the work of Christ. 1John 2:2; 4:10
  - d) The true drink we receive is the blood of Christ where we taste and see that the Lord is good. John 6:53-56  
Ps 34:8; 1Pet 2:3
  - e) Christ is not pugnacious but is gentle and humble in heart and we will find rest for our souls in Him. Matt 11:29-30
  - f) True gold is Christ's righteousness. 1Pet 1:7; Rev 3:18
  - g) The Lord is very hospitable to us: Dying for us, calling us friends, sending His Spirit so that we will be in His church to hear His Word, to be washed by baptism and fed at His table. John 15:15,26;  
Gal 3:13-14;  
Eph 5:26-27,29-30
  - h) Christ loves what is good, which is us, because He has declared and made us good. John 15:3; 17:17  
Titus 3:5; 1Pet 3:21
  - i) Jesus sensibly chooses His own by His own gracious free will. John 13:18; 15:16,19
  - j) Christ's righteousness, His just nature, is credited to us by grace alone, through faith alone, on account of Christ alone.<sup>2</sup>
  - k) The Lord has made us holy, set apart, solely by His work. 1Cor 6:11; Heb 7:26; Rev 15:4
  - l) By Christ's self-control, His discipline, His passive (going to the cross) and active (keeping the law) obedience is credited to us by faith alone. Is 53:7; John 18:11  
Phil 2:8; Heb 5:7
- 5) Ephesians 4:31-5:3.

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