

The Lord's Supper

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The sermon emphasizes the significance of the Lord's Supper as a reminder of Christ's sacrifice and the importance of faith and obedience in our lives.

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Scripture: Psalm 37:4, Proverbs 3:5-6, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 7:7-8, Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:6-7

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Description

The video is a sermon by Pastor John Piper titled 'The Supremacy of Christ and the Gospel in a Postmodern World.' In this sermon, Piper discusses the importance of understanding and proclaiming the supremacy of Christ in a world that is increasingly influenced by postmodernism. He argues that postmodernism rejects the idea of absolute truth and promotes relativism, which leads to a lack of moral standards and confusion about right and wrong. Piper emphasizes the need for Christians to hold fast to the truth of the gospel and to share it boldly with others, even in the face of opposition.

Transcript

Thank you. Welcome to my lecture. Within the next month, the stage will be constructed, ceilings will go up, and painters will add color to every room.

In December, the floor will be stained and an elevator added. Then in January, the carpet and the seats will arrive. What was a vision is now becoming a reality.

The worship center is now 80% complete, and our excitement is only increasing as we prepare the way for future generations. Thank you. I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, of one being with the Father, and through Him, all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from Heaven by the power of the Holy Spirit. For our sake, He was crucified. He suffered death.

But on the third day, He arose again, and He ascended into Heaven, and He's seated at the right hand of the Father. But He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I have a possibility! Really, seven months ago, I guess that was a good starting point for me because that was basically the end of my period of, basically, I was out of work for eight months.

And it seemed all my efforts, everything I tried to do, were no good. I could not get a job no matter what I tried to do. It was pretty bad, I mean, because we had the creditors calling all the time.

It was really hard just, you know, not being able to go to the grocery store, not being able to go out, and if we needed some clothes for the kids or diapers or pull-ups or whatever. Life was really hard. My marriage was basically over.

And what I thought was, you know, was over. The Lord just was not Lord of my life. And He was pulling me in, and certain things had to happen to get me back on that straight and narrow path.

And He did pull me back using the circumstances of me leaving my husband and my children and basically wanting to end my life in a hotel room. And Him providing a Gideon's Bible there and just meeting me after picking up that Bible and just meeting me at the point of where He needed to meet me at in that hotel room. We got ourselves into debt.

We used credit cards. We used the credit. And that was something being disobedient to God.

And, I mean, we didn't really know that or understand that at the time. But we are the ones that got ourselves into the problem we were in, and we had to pay the piper. We had to pay for our disobedience.

The big situation was with our car. And they kept calling us and calling us, and we just couldn't make our car payments. And God used our daughter, Haley, through the situation of our car, to show us just to have more faith in Him and trust in Him.

Right when the month of the impossibles started, that one of my impossibles was the perfect job. I mean, God's perfect job for me. And the August 1st, right after the impossibles ended, in the sense of time frame, our time frame, that's when I started my job.

And it definitely was a job. Michael sent me a book, a beautiful letter, and sent me a book by Ron Dunn, When Heaven is Silent. And I read that book at probably the greatest point of my despair.

And what I learned from that book was heaven is never silent. We just turn a deaf ear to it. And we don't hear what God is wanting us to hear.

We had been so disobedient with what He had given us in the past. We needed to learn a new way. We needed to learn His way.

And when they came into Sunday school class, I believe Tom came into Sunday school class, and he was telling us about the crown ministry and was going into detail about it. I was like, oh, wow. You know, this is it.

This is it. I think we knew it was something that we needed to learn, not just in handling our money, but the story. I don't know what I wanted to do.

We just did what He had given us. We didn't learn what we didn't learn what. And when they came into Sunday school class, I believe Tom came into Sunday school class, and he was going into detail about it.

I was like, oh, wow. It was really hard just not being able to go to the grocery store, and not be able to go out, and if we needed some clothes for the kids or diapers or pullups or whatever. Life was really hard.

My marriage was basically over and what I thought was over. The Lord just was not the Lord of my life, And he was pulling me in and certain things had to happen to get me back on that straight and narrow path as he did pull me back using the circumstances of me leaving my husband and my children and basically wanting to end my life in a hotel room and him providing a Gideon's Bible there and just meeting me after picking up that Bible and just meeting me at the point of where he needed to meet me at in that hotel room. We got ourselves into debt, we used credit cards, we used the credit and that was something being disobedient to God and I mean we didn't really know that or understand that at the time but we are the ones that got ourselves into the problem we were in and we had to pay the piper, we had to pay for our disobedience.

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We just turn a deaf ear to it and we don't hear what God is wanting us to hear. We had been so disobedient with what He had given us in the past, we needed to learn a new way, we needed to learn His way and when they came into Sunday school class, I believe Tom came into Sunday school class and he was telling us about the crown ministry and was going into detail about it, I was like, oh wow, you know, this is it, this is it. I think we knew it was something that we needed to learn, not just in handling our money but the stewardship aspect and the lordship aspect of it and of course we never imagined that God would provide the way He has through this course but the first big thing He did for us financially was when we did our taxes this year, we did it as soon as we could and we got the biggest tax return that we've ever gotten.

So we were able to at that time go and pay some of our smaller credit cards off. We just, we knew, you know, my aunt passed away, it was about the time when we were at our toughest point and we knew that we were, when we found out how much it was, I mean our jaws just dropped, I mean we never would have dreamed it would have been that. Through that, God has provided the means for us to totally wipe out our debt, to be totally debt free, just to lift that bondage, that financial bondage we've been under for so many years and I mean we got ourselves in there, God had no obligation to remove that from us but He's so faithful to us, I mean He's been more faithful to me than I have ever been faithful to Him.

So the biggest thing that we committed to, we already had a discussion about building on the vision, was that we committed, we'd already committed to pray about it for the month and we just knew that we couldn't pay off any of our debt, we couldn't use that money for anything else until we had given God His share. I think somewhat there was a lack of trust and faith on our part because we didn't give to future generations but He's such a gracious God, He forgave us for that, that we didn't do that and now He's provided a means for us to do beyond anything we would have ever dreamed we could ever do for the church and do for His kingdom to help His, spread the gospel and just build on the vision this church has and we're so thankful to Him to do it because it's just being a part of it, I mean before we were just soaking it in, I mean we were being fed here spiritually and through God's word but now He's provided a means for us to give back and I'm really excited now just to see what He's going to do in our lives. My parents divorced, my mother and father divorced when I was about three years old.

I have four brothers and one sister so we were a large family and at the time my last brother had not been born yet so there were four of us. My mother remarried a couple of years later and about a year after that, I was about five years old, my stepfather began to sexually abuse me. I didn't really, of course as a child, understand that that wasn't my sin, that I didn't do that, it was something that was done to me.

However, as you grow up and you're here and you're taught as a young girl, especially in the early 60s, you know there wasn't a lot of, you know, there weren't self-help groups, there weren't support groups and that was a time when things like this were kind of swept under the rug, you didn't talk about them. And so when you grew up and you heard, you know, that good girls did this and bad girls did this, you know, and something like that has happened, you relate, you know, yourself with, you know, the bad, you're the bad person. I actually remember thinking as a young girl, probably 10, 12 years old, that I was broken, you know, and that no one would want me, no one would love me.

And of course, the enemy, Satan, takes every opportunity to discourage you to use people, you know, to remind you that, of what you're thinking or feeling inside, that you don't quite measure up. And so you deal with a lot of poor self-image and I can't help but tear up or cry when I think about how I grew up. I put up a hardened front.

I didn't like feeling inferior to anybody else and I was determined that I would not be inferior to anybody else. I would not be weak. I would not be vulnerable.

I would not put myself or allow myself to be put into a position where I would be hurt again. A friend of mine asked me to go to church on Easter Sunday morning in 1983 and I went. And the Lord was chasing me and I was running, but finally on June the 15th, 1983, he caught me.

He just took everything from me and, um, restored my soul. You know, salvation is instantaneously happening and it's complete. Other humans take their time, but no one's complete.

But I've had to walk and learn. And I don't want to give the impression in any way to those that have had this same tragedy and this same thing happen to them, that you get saved and it just goes away. It's just not there anymore.

It doesn't. It's there. It's something that's always there, but thanks God's grace.

Romans 8, 1 and 2 says, There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and put us to a walk. Well, son, there are many who served our country and fought for us.

They gave their lives. Are there any left to? Yes, he did. Next song that we're going to do is not necessarily patriotic, but every American knows who Indiana Jones is, or at least they should.

How many of you have seen Raiders of the Lost Ark? Okay, good. I figured as much. But you know, before I go any further explaining that song, I just got to tell you, I am so excited about the last piece of music that we're going to play tonight.

Stars and Stripes Forever is one of my favorites. Let me just show you. Jim, do you have my music for Stars and Stripes? It was right here.

It was right here. What happened to it? My music was right here. Where did it go? Oh, fancy seeing you again, Mark.

Seamus McRotten. Oh, that's the Reverend McRotten to you. He sure was having one of his famous patriotic celebrations.

Not bad, lad, but doesn't quite look like what's going on over here. We've got a special piece of music we found just lying around just for us. I doubt you'll have the time to come and get it.

You've got like five minutes. They didn't call me Alabama Jones in college for nothing. I'll tell you what, you conduct the next song and I'll be back before it ends.

All right? Okay. I'll tell you what, I'll go get the music. I'll be right back.

All right, boys, make sure you get them nice and toasty.

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