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Forgiveness & the Fragrance of Christ

2 Corinthians 2:5 – 3:3

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

February 12, 2014



Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb
upon his throne,

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all
music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died
for thee,

and hail him as thy matchless King through
all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed
o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those
he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died, and
rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives
that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his
hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty
glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died
for me;

thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Announcements

- Small group fellowships next week
- “The Gospel of God’s Love” by Phil Smith
Performance scripture
Monday, March 10th
6:30 snacks
7:00 performance
7:30 Q&A
Free-will offering

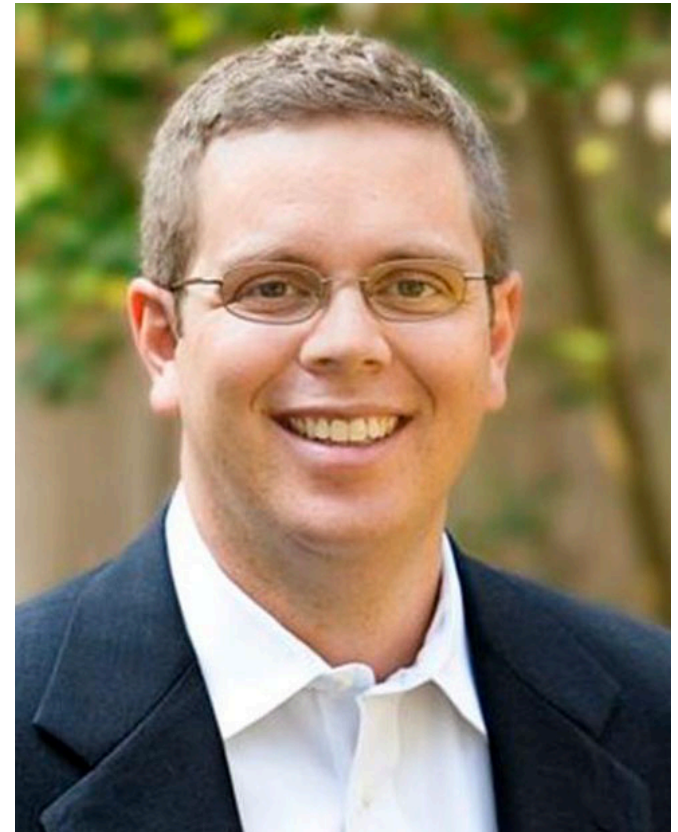


- Covenant's New Pastor Rev. Dr. Thomas Daniel

Formerly of Kairos Church,
Atlanta

Graduate of Columbia Theological
Seminary

Arrives April 1st



Time to Forgive

To deliver unto Satan for the destruction of his fleshly desires:

- Removal spiritual protection/social comfort
- Not infliction of evil

To not be outwitted by Satan who can:

- Undermine reconciliation
- Destroy our witness and ministry



“We all agree that forgiveness is a beautiful idea until we have to practice it.”

—C. S. Lewis



Guidelines for Forgiveness:

- Decide to forgive REGARDLESS of your feelings
- Depend on the Holy Spirit
- Obey God's word:
 - Pray for them
 - Bless and not curse



Forgive & Forget Means

- To choose not to hold it against them
- NOT to bury the memory
- To recall without intense emotions



Paradox of Christ

- From defeat, victory
- From humiliation, glory
- From weakness, strength
- From suffering, joy
- From poverty, riches
- From worldly foolishness, God's wisdom
- From death, life



Paul's Commendation to Ministry

- God alone validated Paul's ministry
- The Corinthian church was founded:
 - Through the Spirit
 - In response to Paul's preaching



Paul's Letter of Commendation

- Was the Corinthian believers themselves
- Was from Christ, not a human author
- Related to Paul's ministry
- Was inscribed by the Spirit
- Was written on their hearts



This Week:

- Is Satan thwarting your ministry through unforgiveness?
- Will you decide to forgive, depend on the Spirit and obey God's word in the process of forgiveness?
- Where are you in Christ's Triumph:
 - A prisoner headed for eternal death
 - A willing servant of the living God
 - An incense bearer wafting Christ's love
- Who is your letter of commendation?

