# REASON TO HOPE

### the what & why of our faith Christian Conduct Cascade Community Church August 26th, 2018



"We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God and the well-being of his fellow man, that his conduct should be blameless before the world, that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions, and that he should seek to realize for himself and others the full stature of maturity in Christ."

> -Cascade Community Church Statement of Faith, Section 9



### I. The Christian's Cause



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"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."

#### -2 Peter 3:10-13 (NKJV)



### "But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

-Hebrews 13:6 (NKJV)



I. The Christian's CauseA. Glorify GodB. Make Disciples



"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

#### -Romans 3:23-26 (NKJV)



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

-John 3:16(NKJV)



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II. The Christian's Conduct



"Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

### -Phil. 2:14-16 (NKJV)



"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

### -1 Timothy 6:10 (NKJV)



"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

### -Matt. 6:19-21 (NKJV)



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II. The Christian's Conduct
III. The Christian's Property



"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come."

#### -1 Cor. 16:1-2 (NKJV)



"Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God..."

#### -2 Cor. 8:1-5 (NKJV)



"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also real bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

#### -2 Cor. 9:6-7 (NKJV)



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A. Glorify God
B. Make Disciples
II. The Christian's Conduct
III. The Christian's Property
IV. The Christian's Progress



"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."

-Colossians 2:6-7 (NKJV)



# Application

1. Know Christ



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 Grow in Christ



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