

Reading from Matthew chapter 5—July 26<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

27 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 31 “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

Sunday: Which of the ten commandments is Jesus speaking about? **Pray** with Fresno (Calif.) RPC that we would view our work as a vocation in which we will strive faithfully to serve and love God and others. **Pray** for the four couples at Glasgow (Scotland) RPC who are to be married soon.

**Monday:** What does it mean to commit adultery? **Pray** that Quinter (Kan.) RPC will grow in holiness and avoid falling into temptation to sin. **Pray** for Geneva College, that it would be faithful to Jesus in its instruction.

**Tuesday:** Is it a worse sin to lust than actually to commit adultery? **Give thanks** with First RPC (Cambridge, Mass.) for the many babies recently born and about to be born; **pray** for faithfulness in keeping the covenant of baptism. **Pray** for the Reformed Theological College in Australia as it starts up again.

**Wednesday:** What does Jesus’ use of right eye and right hand tell us about the seriousness of sexual sin? **Pray** for the women’s Bible study group at Kasumigaoka (Kobe, Japan) RPC as they desire to encourage each other in the faith and witness to friends and families. **Pray** for Frankston RPC in Australia, that it would find a suitable meeting place.

**Thursday:** Read Deuteronomy 24:1-4 for the context of Jesus’ words. What is Jesus getting at in terms of divorce? **Pray** with Rose Point RPC (New Castle, Pa.) for healthy babies to be born to the Perellas and Browns in August. **Pray** for future leaders to be raised up for the RP Church in Australia.

**Friday:** Read I Corinthians 7:10-16, and answer this question: Besides adultery, is there any other just ground for divorce? **Please pray** with Terre Haute (Ind.) RPC for God to open new doors for contact in their community and opportunities to see sinners saved by the ministry. **Pray** for McKinnon RPC in Australia, that its youth and young people would be kept from sin.

**Saturday:** What role should the church have in evaluating whether a divorce is OK or not? **Pray** for Trinity RPC (Wichita, Kan.) for stability in the midst of many uncertainties. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow.

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*The Lord’s Day  
July 26, 2020*

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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)  
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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## Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Psalm 96:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 96A “O Sing a New Song to the Lord”

Scripture Reading Psalm 116

\*Psalm 32A “O Blessed is the Man”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 146A “Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah!”

Scripture Text I Thessalonians 3:6-10

The Sermon “Gratitude for the Attitude” (Part 2)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 4B [stanzas 1-3] “Answer When I Call, O God Who Justifies”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 4B [stanza 4] “You Have Given My Heart Greater Joy by Far”

*\* Congregation will please stand.*

*We are so glad that you could join us today!* This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

### Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

**“Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”—Psalm 127:1.**

**“And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:3.**

*Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life? A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.*

*Q. 33. What is justification? A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

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I Thessalonians 3:6-10 “Gratitude for the Attitude” (Part 2)  
Theme: Paul and Silas express their gratitude for the Thessalonian believers’ attitude.

#### I. Comfort

A. Reasons—the good report brought by Timothy

B. Fact—their comfort via the Thessalonians’ faith

C. Explanation—we’re animated if you stand steadfast in the Lord

#### II. Thanksgiving

##### A. Thankfulness

1. “for what thanks can we render to God again for you”

2. “for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God?”

##### B. Prayer

1. “night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face”

2. “and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith”

- a. *katartizo*—to knit together/unite; to make whole/restore
- b. what would have been lacking or left behind re their faith?
  - (1) various mysteries of the faith they didn't understand
  - (2) room for improvement in terms of spiritual graces
  - (3) note: the best of us have need for improvement

#### Application

- A. praise God for His grace

B. continue to grow in your faith

- 1. via prayer
- 2. via Bible reading and study
- 3. via church services
- 4. via fellowship