

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
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Sunday Morning 11-17-2019

Teaching Series: Here We Are to Worship Jesus

Life is complicated, even hard at times. We all want to get it right.  
King Jesus offers to help us one step at a time. Who better to help us  
than the one God who will go to the grave and back for us?

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Advent and Christmas Teaching Series (Starts 12-1)

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Jesus gives the greatest Christmas gifts of all time.

He gives faith to defeat fear.

Hope to drive out despair.

Love to expel apathy.

Peace to overwhelm worry.

Joy to replace powerlessness.

Titus 2:11-14 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">11</font></small> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <small><font color="#999999">12</font></small> It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <small><font color="#999999">13</font></small> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <small><font color="#999999">14</font></small> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/tit.2.11-14.NIV>

Matthew 21:21-22 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">21</font></small> Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, "Go, throw yourself into the sea," and it will be done. <small><font color="#999999">22</font></small> If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.21.21-22.NIV>

Mark 11:20-24 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">20</font></small> In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. <small><font color="#999999">21</font></small> Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" <small><font color="#999999">22</font></small> "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. <small><font color="#999999">23</font></small> "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, "Go, throw yourself into the sea," and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say

will happen, it will be done for them. <font color="#999999">24</font></small> Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/mrk.11.20-24.NIV>

Faith is fundamentally a relationship word.  
Faith is more than a mere mental acceptance of facts about Jesus  
Faith is more than reciting the Church's lofty creeds  
Faith is more than saying I believe Jesus can/will do this  
Faith declares I will trust Jesus no matter what happens.  
Faith is convinced that Jesus is not finished yet.  
Faith is trust in Jesus's character.

Actions earn trust. What has Jesus done to earn your trust?

Ephesians 1:3-11 NIV

<font color="#999999">3</font></small> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <font color="#999999">4</font></small> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <font color="#999999">5</font></small> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will" <font color="#999999">6</font></small> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <font color="#999999">7</font></small> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <font color="#999999">8</font></small> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <font color="#999999">9</font></small> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <font color="#999999">10</font></small> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment"to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. <font color="#999999">11</font></small> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/eph.1.3-11.NIV>