

THE MESSAGE

Better Than We Had Hoped P6 Tom Hughes

1. God's _____ is _____ than we had hoped.
2. God's _____ are _____ than we had hoped.
3. Our _____ more than we can imagine.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NRSV) - ¹Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Acts 8:3 (NRSV) - But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV) - ¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

MESSAGE NOTES

John 3:16-17 (NIV) - ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NLT) - For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

1 Corinthians 15:49, 52-54 (NRSV) - ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven... ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

Numbers 10:10 (NRSV) - Also on your days of rejoicing, at your appointed festivals, and at the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt-offerings and over your sacrifices of well-being; they shall serve as a reminder on your behalf before the Lord your God: I am the Lord your God.

Philippians 3:21 (ESV) - who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

John 11:25 (ESV) - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

2 Corinthians 6:1 (NIV) - As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

Galatians 2:2 (NIV) - I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:56-58 (NRSV) - ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Romans 8:28 | Mark 1:15 | 2 Thessalonians 2:14

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Financial Update

2024 General Budget:
\$9,100,000.00

YTD 03.31.2024 - Requirement:
\$2,275,000.00

YTD 03.31.2024 - Offering:
\$2,440,912.41

March Kingdom Offering: **\$67,418.30**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$248,459.31**



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Service Times:

- Saturdays | 6pm (south)
- Sundays | 9am (south)
- Sundays | 11:15am (north & south)
- Sunday [Fusion, 18-35] | 6pm (north)

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CHRISTIAN
Welcome
ASSEMBLY

May 4 & 5, 2024

Worship God
Become part of His **Family**
Extend His **Kingdom**

WELCOME!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convinced and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

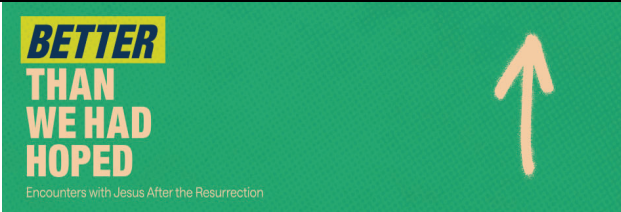
Enjoy the service!

Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill
Co-Lead Pastors

NEW?

- We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **New People's Table** in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.
- There is a **Connection Card** in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the dropbox at the New People's Table.
- If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. The courtyard is also available with a live feed. Just ask an usher!

INFORMATION



The Resurrection of Jesus was not the end of the story. Join us as we continue in our series: **Better Than We Had Hoped**. We will see where Jesus went and what He did after he rose and left an empty tomb. Each time the risen Jesus encountered people, He helped them overcome challenges of fear, worry, doubt, disappointment and more. The same risen Jesus who encountered them also comes to encounter us too, in ways that are better than we had hoped or could even imagine. Invite a friend and join us! Next weekend is a **Baptism** weekend.



Join us on **Sunday, May 19 (1-2:30pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd., Rm. 30 (north)** as we learn about the foster care crisis in LA County and how we can respond as believers. We will share various ways to get involved such as Care Communities, which are CA teams that wrap around and support foster families. Lunch will be provided for those who register. For more info and to register, please visit: cachurch.com/kingdom



Our Kids Church Program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit: cakidschurch.com

We offer programs for both middle and high schoolers. For grades 6th-8th, we meet on Saturdays (6pm-7:15pm) and for grades 9th-12th, we meet on Wednesdays (7pm-8:30pm). For more info, please visit: castudents678.com



Fusion is one of our weekend services and is specifically geared toward 18-35 year olds. We meet on Sunday nights 6pm at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north). Join us! For more info, visit: cafusion.com

OPPORTUNITIES



Whether you've called CA home for years or you are newly exploring our church, PARTNERSHIP welcomes you.

JOIN THIS 1-DAY CLASS TO:

- Learn more about our church
- Meet our pastoral staff
- Connect with others

Spring Partnership 2024

When: Saturday, June 8

Time: 9am to 1:30pm

Location: 2435 Colorado Blvd., Rm. 21 (north)

Food & Coffee Provided!

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

Scan the QR code
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CACHURCH.COM/PARTNERSHIP



UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Retreat

Men, join us for our Men's Retreat (Oct. 25 - Oct. 27)! Retreats are a chance to escape the busyness of life in Los Angeles and connect with God and community. We'll spend three days and two nights in the San Bernardino mountains as we enjoy the beauty of creation, worship God together, enjoy biblical teaching, and brotherhood! Spots are limited, so sign up today! For more info and to sign up, please visit: cachurch.com/mensretreat

Mexico Mission Trip

CA is sending a missions team to serve in Tijuana, Mexico with **La Roca Ministries May 31 - June 2**. We will be helping with work on a house at the ranch, do service projects, and kids ministry with the kids from the orphanage. **The cost is \$60/per person and applications are due by Thursday, May 16**. For more info and to apply for the trip, please visit: cachurch.com/kingdom

Kids Church Summer Park Meet-Ups

Kids Church is coming to your neighborhood! **Stop by with your family on June 9 (Eagle Rock Recreation Center in Eagle Rock), July 14 (Garfield Park in S. Pasadena), & Aug. 11 (Crescenta Valley Park in La Crescenta) from 2:30pm-4pm** for snacks, games, and summer hangs with Kids Church. Invite a neighbor or friend to join the fun. For more info, please visit: cachurch.com/summerparkmeetups

Fusion Choir

Join the Fusion Choir! We will have a Fusion choir at the **Fusion 6pm service on Sunday, May 19! Rehearsals will start at 3:30pm at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north)**. If you'd like to join the choir and for more info, please visit: cafusion.com/join

We're Hiring

Administrative Assistant - Women's Ministry: We are looking to hire an administrative assistant to join our Women's Ministry team! Candidates should be excellent with details, have a positive attitude and desire to support our Women's Ministry staff team.

Male Pastor - Student Ministries: We are looking to hire a male youth pastor to join our Student Ministries team! Candidates should love working with middle and high school students, be passionately committed to God's Word, and serve with humility and joy.

Both positions are full-time with benefits. For job descriptions and to apply, please visit: cachurch.com/jobs