

MADRID CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

2017 ANNUAL THEME:

PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD



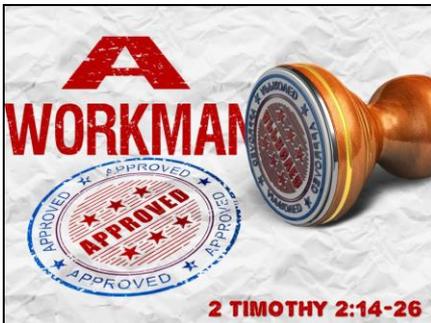
EPHESIANS 6:10-20

"PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THE SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL" (EPHESIANS 6:11).

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9AM

11AM



2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26



"NO SOLDIER GETS ENTANGLED IN CIVILIAN PURSUITS, SINCE HIS AIM IS TO PLEASE THE ONE WHO ENLISTED HIM" (2 TIMOTHY 2:4).

INCORRUPTIBLE LOVE

When we describe something as corruptible, we mean that it is perishable or temporary. The apostle Paul focuses the attention of his readers on this principle in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25:

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable (corruptible, KJV) wreath, but we an imperishable.”



It's a simple point. Disciples of Jesus ought to learn from and imitate athletes who exercise tremendous self-control. Runners were doing so in ancient times in order to win a wreath that was all-too-temporary. Given enough time, that wreath would wilt and fade. It was corruptible.

Paul uses the same idea in a different context at the conclusion of his letter to the Ephesians:

“Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. (Eph 6:23-24)

I challenge you to mentally note throughout the day just how much around you is corruptible. So much of what grabs our attention and consumes our energy is just temporary. Houses. Cars. Electronic gadgets. Careers. Social media. Degrees. Hobbies. Sports. Clothes. Even our own bodies are “perishable” (1 Cor 15:42).

But do you know what is within your grasp today that is truly incorruptible? Love for God and the love of God. “Love with faith” never passes away. It is imperishable, infinite, and eternal.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.” (Matt 22:37-38)

My aim for this week is to think of temporary things as truly temporary and to prioritize, above all else, incorruptible love for God. I challenge you to do the same.

REIGNS?

One of the most important questions we will ever ask ourselves in this life is “who reigns?” Who is it that I will choose to be the authority in my life? You and I must decide each and every day how we will answer this question. What does your behavior reveal about how you would feel in the blank?

- Fear reigns?
- Difficult circumstances reign?
- A human enemy reigns?
- Your relationships reign?
- The economy reigns?
- Regret reigns?
- Despair reigns?
- You reign?



The Bible fills in the blank like this: “**The Lord reigns**” (Psalm 97:1).

You must decide what you really believe. You must decide how you will fill in the blank. You must decide who, or what, will sit on the throne of your life.

So fill in the blank: _____ reigns.

VISITORS:

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY!

If you are visiting with us and have any questions about what you have seen or heard today, please fill out a visitor's card or contact us using the information below. We would be happy to schedule a time to sit down with you and to answer your questions from God's word. If there is anything we can do to help you spiritually, please let us know. We are here to serve!

Call or text Jason @ 412-999-4837 or email him @
preacher@madridchurch.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- TODAY! - Shed potluck after services @ Larry & Franki's
- 03/05 - Song Service
- 03/19-03/22 - Gospel Meeting w/ Mike Richardson (Resisting the Attractions of the World)
- 03/19 - Shed potluck after services @ Larry & Franki's

If there is an event you are planning that you want put in the bulletin, let Jason know!

DAILY READING:

- 02/27 – Deut 15-16; Psalm 58
- 02/28 – Deut 17-20; Psalm 59
- 03/01 – Deut 21-23; Psalm 60
- 03/02 – Deut 24-27; Psalm 61
- 03/03 – Deut 28-29; Psalm 62
- 03/04 – Deut 30-31; Psalm 63
- 03/05 – Deut 32-24; Psalm 64



“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

-Psalm 119:105