

Sermon Notes

Question... “What is the world’s heaviest burden to carry?”

Answer... “The extra baggage you carry alone and don’t need to carry.” Does that make sense to you? Of course, it does. It does to all of us. SO... *why* is it we so often have so much trouble in this area? In the passages before us this morning, we consider not only the foolishness, but in fact, the deadly danger of carrying burdens we not only can’t carry, *but don’t need to carry*. **“Excess Baggage...”** taken from Hebrews 12 and Corinthians 9 teach us each valuable lessons for the living of life that we all need to learn and apply to our lives.

You are encouraged to encouraged to carefully and prayerfully consider these verses as together we ask the Spirit of God to speak to our hearts this morning.

Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church



Pastor Walt Jones

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We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (leader, **people**)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come before Him with joyful song. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who has made us, and we are His. We are His people, His own, and the sheep of His pasture.

Praise the Lord in His sanctuary; worship Him in the heavens above. Praise Him for His acts of power and mercy. Praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Let everything that has breath praise and worship the Lord.

Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all you who are weary and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find in Me...rest for your souls."

Sing praise to the Lord. Give Him the glory due His name, for He is good and His mercy endures forever.

*Opening Hymns of Praise

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

LUYH 363

Like A River Glorious

LUYH 699

*Greeting From The Lord and We Greet One Another

~spirit-led and socially distant~

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession – in unison

And God said, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land." [2 Chron. 7:14]

Assurance of Pardon

If we continue to say [to claim] that we have no sin, we merely deceive ourselves. But if we confess our sins to the Lord, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1st John 1:8-9]

*Song of Assurance

When We Walk With the Lord

LUYH 327

Prayers of the People and Prayer of Illumination

We Listen to God Speak

Scripture Passage – 1 Corinthians 9:23-27; Hebrews 12:1-2

Message – "Excess Baggage..."

Prayer of Application

We Respond to God's Word

Offerings - General Fund (green plate), Christian Care (red plate)

~ please place your offering in the plates as you exit ~

*Song of Response

In Christ Alone

LUYH 770

We Go Out Empowered by the Spirit

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology

To God Be The Glory

LUYH 956

*Postlude

*please stand, if able.