

The Overview of Life and Relationships:

- The supremacy of Jesus is the root of life, purpose, relationships and our importance to the Lord Jesus Christ, vv. 1, 2, 6, 9.
- All of life is sacred and part of living a life of worship of the Lord Jesus Christ, vv. 5-8.
 - Worship is an expression of our passion of the heart for the Lord Jesus Christ, v. 6.
- A passion to do one's best in relationships for the honor and pleasure of the Lord Jesus Christ compels a person in life, vv. 6-7.
- Each live their life of sacred worship and offering knowing God will bless those who do what is right and pleasing to God, vv. 2, 8-9.

Relations among children and parents:

- Children are to honor and live under the supervision of their parents as acts of worship and service of the Lord Jesus Christ, vv. 1-2.
- Parents are to disciple their children in becoming a growing disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, v. 4.
- Parents don't "rule" their children by power; they lead their children by example and instruction, v. 4.

Relations among employees and supervisors:

- Do well always as unto the Lord Jesus Christ, not just when you are watched or measured, v. 5.
- Don't do well to please people. Be only concerned with what the Lord Jesus Christ thinks, v. 6.
- Supervisors lead as those who are accountable to the Lord Jesus Christ, v. 9.
- Supervisors, don't lead by power or harshness. Lead as those who represent the Lord Jesus Christ and are accountable to Him, v. 9.

Remember your identity and worth is based on who you are in the Lord Jesus Christ, not on what place God has assigned you for His praise and purpose in this life, v. 9.

P A S T O R ' S C H A T

In the Lord Jesus' last teaching to His disciples in John 13-16, He ended His teaching with a promise. Jesus said, as recorded in John 16:33, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Jesus told His disciples to expect troubles in life. Tribulations are those things that squeeze us and put us under pressure. Jesus said troubles will be part of the everyday life of a disciple in this world. But Jesus says, in Him we will have peace. Christians will frequently have troubles, but yet on the inside they will have peace that all is well because of Jesus. We are to face trials with confidence, because Jesus has already overcome them and He will give us the help, strength, and power to overcome.

The peace of Jesus in all of life's troubles and trials is a powerful witness to others of the reality of Jesus and the peace He brings to life. We live in stormy times. Many people in our community are in the midst of troubles. They have no anchor for their souls in the storms of life, no source of inner peace. Psalm 107 describes storms in life as a way God draw us to Himself. One way we can help people understand and learn of the peace Jesus offers is through our own witness. This year it is also the theme of *Pageant of Our Lord*. Although some parts of the *Pageant* have continuity from past years, each year there is a unique script built around a theme. This year the theme is the peace that God gives through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. It has a message and promise of Jesus that is so vital to our world today.

Pageant of Our Lord is a great way to easily share our faith. This year it will be a way to share the promise of the peace of Jesus. *Pageant* opens on Friday, March 29 and runs for three weekends through Palm Sunday. Tickets are on sale at the ticket window on the patio following weekend services. Tickets are also available online at pageantofourlord.org. This would be a great year to invite people to come to the *Pageant* with you. It is such a unique presentation that rivals the quality of stage productions in L.A. and people always share how impressed they are by their experience. Pray about those God would have you invite and give them the chance to learn of Jesus and the peace He gives.

Another wonderful opportunity is to invite people to our Resurrection Celebration services on Easter Sunday. We will follow our normal Sunday service times. At 8:00 and 9:30 am in the Worship Center with choir and orchestra, and in the tent with the Contemporary Praise band at 9:30 and 11:15 am. The Spanish service will be held in the 290s at 9:30 am, and across the street in North Campus Chapel will be a service in Japanese at 11:15 am. As this will be my last Resurrection Celebration as Senior Pastor at RHCC, I am looking forward to sharing Jesus at each service and how He turns life into meaningful and joyful worship. Let's spread the word and invite as many as we can.

~ Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald

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