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Virtual Bulletin
Sunday, July 25th, 2021
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At [New City Sac](#) we have a passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ which speaks of how anyone who wishes can participate in His new society through faith in His sinless life, sacrificial death, and bodily resurrection for the forgiveness of sin.

Our hope and prayer is to cultivate a fellowship that preaches the gospel while offering a biblically grounded ministry that addresses the spiritual needs of the whole family.

Christ's own commitment to live among, walk with, and serve the poor, vulnerable, and less powerful motivates our desire to serve the marginalized in our community.

We invite you to join us as we seek the Lord in the use of our time, abilities, experience, and resources to demonstrate Christ's compassion as a testimony to His character and witness of the gospel.

We're currently completing our new website, so please use this virtual bulletin to keep up with our sermon series, events, and weekly connections.

The Cry of the Oppressed

Nehemiah 5:1-13

Sunday, July 25th, 10:00 AM Pacific Time in person at Shasta Park in Sacramento (7400 Imagination Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823) and online at <https://www.newcitysac.org/tune-in>.

Oppression, social justice, systematic injustice, marginalization are some of the most loaded terms in our society. And they appear to be especially polarizing within the evangelical church. Many evangelicals genuinely believe issues like social justice, systematic injustice, and oppression have little if any connection to the gospel. Moreover, they claim any attention given to these issues at best distracts from the gospel and at worst actually oppose the proclamation of the gospel.

But is that true? And if so, how do we approach passages like Nehemiah 5? Once he began the work of rebuilding the wall, it was full steam ahead for Nehemiah and those he led. Having effectively motivated most of the people to join the effort (chapter 3), Nehemiah then successfully handled those who opposed his ministry (chapter 4).

Chapter 5 opens with an entirely different challenge. Despite the importance of rebuilding the wall, the

outcry of the poor and vulnerable could not and would not be ignored. Neh. 5 is unique in that we hear the actual cries of the oppressed. God had long promised to hear the cry of the oppressed (see Exodus 22:22; Deuteronomy 24:15 and Isaiah 5:7), but this is one of the few times we hear their voice and in their voice can sense the anguish of their plight.

But does that matter to our witness and walk before the Lord today? Join us this Sunday, July 25th, 10:00 AM in person at Shasta Park (7400 Imagination BLVD) and online at <https://www.newcitysac.org/tune-in> where we'll worship the God who still hears the cries of the oppressed.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Silent Confession of Sin

Call to Worship – Psalm 10:16-18

Songs of Praise

Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 7:1-7

Children's Prayer

Song of Preparation

Message Text – Nehemiah 5:1-14

Message – “The Cry of the Oppressed” – Pastor Lance

Lewis

Closing Song

Benediction

Doxology

THE CRY OF THE OPPRESSED

Nehemiah 5:1-14

Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their fellow Jews. ²Some were saying, "We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain."

³Others were saying, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine."

⁴Still others were saying, "We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards. ⁵Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our fellow Jews and though our children are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others."

⁶When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. ⁷I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, "You are charging your own people interest!" So I called together a large meeting to deal with them ⁸and said: "As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your own people, only for them to be sold back to us!" They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say.

⁹So I continued, "What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? ¹⁰I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest! ¹¹Give back to them

immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil."

¹²"We will give it back," they said. "And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say."

Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. ¹³I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, "In this way may God shake out of their house and possessions anyone who does not keep this promise. So may such a person be shaken out and emptied!"

At this the whole assembly said, "Amen," and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

¹⁴Moreover, from the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, until his thirty-second year—twelve years—neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor.

WEEKLY RECAP

Sunday, July 18th

“Love Over Being Right” 1 Corinthians 10:23-31, John 13:34-

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Minister James Petropoulos

https://youtu.be/UW_A9toLEI8

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

EVENTS

Weekly Time of Prayer

Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Youth Group

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM

The youth, grades 6th through 12th, are invited to the English home for a study of Frank Turek's I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist video series. Please contact Minister Anthony English for meeting address or other questions at (619) 928-8066 or aenglishjr@gmail.com.

The Gospel of Luke: His Name is John! Luke 1:57-80

Thursday, July 29th, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Join our Thursday night bible study as we take a journey through the person, character, teaching, priorities, sacrifice, resurrection, and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Gospel of Luke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship at the Turnage's Home

Sunday, August 1st

More details to follow.

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ABOUT US

New City Sac is a bible-believing and teaching church devoted to proclaiming Christ, pursuing justice and promoting unity in the Sac Metro region.

As part of the New City Fellowship church planting network, we're committed to a ministry that values the urban context, is intentionally cross-cultural, looks to serve among and empower the poor and vulnerable, exalts our Lord with joyful worship and features sound, biblical preaching and teaching. We joyfully invite you to explore our website, participate in our worship service and to contact Pastor Lance to find out more about us and where we believe our Lord is taking us.

New City Sac is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) a growing denomination of over 1400 churches. As a member of the PCA, we are governed by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America, which consists of the supreme standard - the Word of God - and the subordinate standards - the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Catechisms, the Form of Government, the Rules of Discipline, and the Directory for Worship of God of the Presbyterian Church in America.

