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## A Husband's Integrity A Wife's Respect

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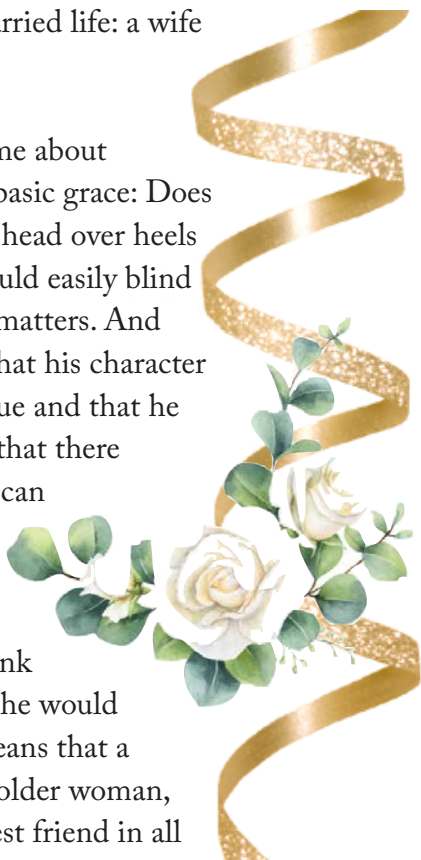
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I want to think with you today about another commandment, one that's actually directed to wives, but its fulfillment is related to both husband and wife. I'm thinking about Paul's teaching on marriage in Ephesians chapter 5:22–33. He says, "Let the wife see that she respects her husband." Actually, the verb that Paul uses here is the verb that's often translated "fear," but I'm sure Bible translators are right to translate it as "respect." Here's a major key to married life: a wife should respect her husband.

When couples have come to talk to me about marriage, I've always looked for this basic grace: Does she respect him? I don't mean, Is she head over heels in love with him? On its own that could easily blind her to his faults. No, it's respect that matters. And respect means trust. Respect means that his character leads you to believe that his love is true and that he will keep his word, that he's faithful, that there are qualities in him that you feel you can appreciate and admire.

It's the kind of sense that Ruth had about Boaz, isn't it, that made her think he was the kind of man with whom she would be at home and safe and secure. It means that a young woman, or for that matter, an older woman, feels that this man will be my very best friend in all the world. Because you see, if you don't respect him before you marry him, it's very unlikely that you'll respect him after you marry him.

There was a time in my life when I was teaching in theological seminary, when I found myself often at



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# LIFELINE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

*Missionary of the Week*

## *Mission*

To equip the Body of Christ to manifest the gospel to vulnerable children.

## *Vision*

Vulnerable children and their communities are transformed by the gospel and are making disciples.

## *Conviction*

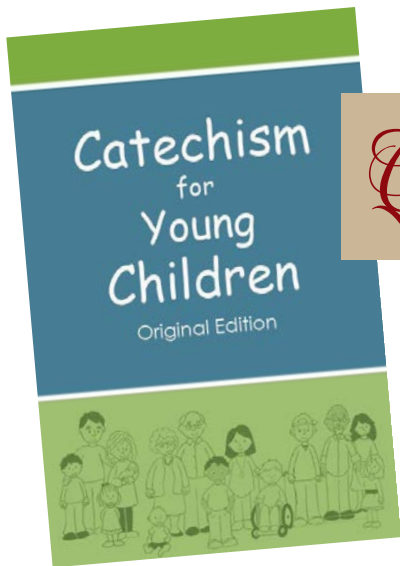
James 1:27 is clear in its call for the believer to care for the orphaned and vulnerable child.

We know that as Christians, we have all been adopted by our Heavenly Father. Adoption is a beautiful picture of the gospel on earth that points us back toward Christ. In Psalm 68, David tells us that God sets the lonely in families. We want the children we serve to have forever families, but more than that, we want them to know the truth of the gospel.

Our focus remains on an eternity with Christ for the child and the parent, and we believe a gospel-centered family is an amazing window to their salvation. Our desire is to come alongside Christian missional families with resources they will need to find and nurture their children, as they become disciples who make disciples. ♦



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## Question 104:

Of what use are the ten commandments to us?

## Answer:

They teach us our duty, and show our need of a Savior.

**Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.**

**1 John 3: 8**

God's commandments show us how sinful we are and how much we need a Savior. Jesus perfectly obeyed God's law in our place. He never sinned one time, but he died to take the punishment we deserve for our sin. After we repent of our sins and believe in Christ, the Holy Spirit helps each of us learn to live a godly life. The Ten Commandments are our guide because they tell us what pleases God. ♦



**BASED ON PSALM 46**, the hymn is a celebration of the sovereign power of God over all earthly and spiritual forces, and of the sure hope we have in him because of Christ. After its publication, it gained immense popularity throughout Reformed Europe.

It was ... the Marseillaise of the Reformation. It was sung at Augsburg during the Diet, and in all the churches of Saxony, often against the protest of the priest. It was sung in the streets; and, so heard, comforted the hearts of Melanchthon, Jonas, and Cruciger, as they entered Weimar, when banished from Wittenberg in 1547. It was sung by poor Protestant emigrants on their way into exile, and by martyrs at their death. It is woven into the web of the history of Reformation times, and it became the true national hymn of Protestant Germany. ♦

Louis Benson

Martin Luther, 1529

### A Mighty Fortress EIN FESTE BURG

Martin Luther, 1529

1. A might-y For-ress is our God, A Bul-wark nev-er fail-ing; Our  
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing; Were  
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threat-en to un-do us, We  
 4. That Word a-bove all earth-ly powers, No thanks to them a-bid-eth, The

Help-er he a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing; For  
 not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos-ing; Dost  
 will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph through us, The  
 Spir-it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid-eth; Let

still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are  
 ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus it is he, he, Lord Sab-a-oth his  
 prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for al-so, His rage we can en-  
 goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life is for al-so, The bod-y they may

great, And, armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his  
 Name, From age to age the same, And he must win the  
 dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit-tle word shall  
 kill, God's truth a-bid-eth still, His King-dom can-not fail


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# NOVEMBER

## *Birthdays*

- 1 Ron Babington, Larry Pitts
- 2 Joyce Caulder, Kathy Karr, Barb Owen,  
Beth Reach, Katherine Reese
- 4 Knox Duncan, Andrew Johnson, Ashley Reese
- 6 Valerie Cancino, John Oldham, Matthew Walton
- 7 Ruth Enggasser, Rob Trautner
- 9 Josiah Mobley, Hope Strevel



"It is not happy people  
who are thankful, it is  
thankful people who are  
happy."

# This Week

## MORNING SERMON

*Dr. Richard D. Phillips*  
CONDEMNED TO DIE  
Mark 14:53-65

## EVENING SERMON

*Dr. Richard D. Phillips*  
PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY  
JOURNEY  
Acts 13:1-12

### Sunday, November 3

- 8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:00 A.M. Membership Class (*Room C-209*)
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 5:00 P.M. Finance Committee (*Conference Room*)
- 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP

### Monday, November 4

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 9:30 A.M. Rafiki Bible Study (*Conference Room*)
- 6:00 P.M. Diaconate Meeting (*Conference Room*)

### Tuesday, November 5

- 10:00 A.M. WIC Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)

### Wednesday, November 6

- 5:00 P.M. Pastoral Care Committee (*Church Office Work Room*)
- 5:15 P.M. WIC Council (*Conference Room*)
- 5:30 P.M. FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER (*Gym*)
- 6:15 P.M. Hope Choir (K4-K5); Covenant Choir (Grades 1-6); Youth Choir (Grades 7-12)
- 6:45 P.M. Missions Moment (*Gym*)
- 7:00 P.M. CAT Kids (Ages 3-Grade 4); Covenant Kids (Grades 5-8)
- 7:00 P.M. Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, November 7

- 9:30 A.M. Precepts Bible Study (*Conference Room*)

### Friday, November 8

- 9:15 A.M. Raising Up Mothers (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 12:00 P.M. Men's Luncheon and Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 1:30 P.M. Mission to Main
- 6:30 P.M. WIC International Dinner (*Gym*)

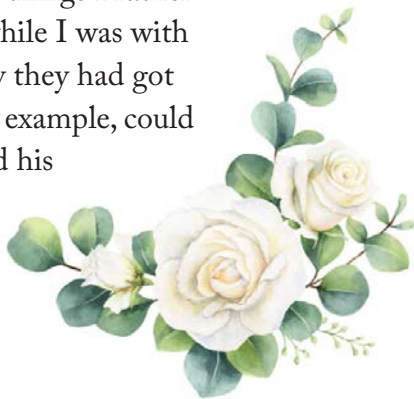
# Upcoming Events

[spcgreenville.org/calendar](http://spcgreenville.org/calendar)

- November 3** Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 4** Diaconate Meeting
- November 10** Baptism Sunday
- November 11** Session Meeting
- November 17** Communion in the Morning Services

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church conferences and hosted over a few days by a husband and wife. And one of the things I rather enjoyed secretly, I admit, was that while I was with them, I would try and work out why they had got married in the first place. What, for example, could I see in the husband that had caused his wife, when still a young woman, to respect him? And if you think about it, superficial things don't produce that respect. They might produce attraction, but they don't produce respect. You don't respect someone because of their good looks or their bank balance, but because of their character. And it goes without saying that this presents a challenge to young men—and later to husbands—to be worthy of respect because of who we are as Christians.



Sometimes couples want to write their own marriage vows. Personally, I think it's crazy to think that you can write better vows than people who were great masters of theology, had tremendous experience of

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# Announcements

## Friday Night Alive

College and 20s will meet at the Phillips home at 6:00 P.M. on November 1. Supper will be provided and will be followed by fellowship and study in Kevin DeYoung's book, *Taking God at His Word*. Please contact Sharon Phillips if you have questions or need a ride.

## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Make a note to set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, November 2!

## WIC International Dinner

All ladies are invited to the annual International Dinner at the SPC Gymnasium on Friday, November 8, at 6:30 P.M. Please bring a dish of your choice (main dish, vegetable, bread, or dessert) from the country of your choice! Ramona White will be our guest speaker.

## Operation Christmas Child

This is a ministry that seeks to share the love of Christ and the gospel in both word and deed with less fortunate children around the world. Look for the red and green shoe boxes on the counter outside the church library and on the table outside the gym. November 20th is the due date for returning your filled boxes to the table outside the Gym. Please contact Attee Leigh with any questions.



## Birth of a Covenant Child

Congratulations to Rainey and Callie Hoopes on the birth of their third son, Robert Burns Hoopes, on October 26!



## Family Thanksgiving Service

Join the SPC family for a special meal and service in the Gym on Wednesday night, November 27. A delicious meal will be served beginning at 5:30 P.M. (Costs are child/\$3, adult/\$5, family/\$18.) A Thanksgiving Service will follow the meal. Children's activities are suspended for that night.



## Here are a few reasons why I love the 16th century Protestant Reformation ... and why you should too:

- 1** A recovery of the glorious Gospel—Salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, for the glory of God alone.
- 2** The translation of God’s Word into common languages (e.g. English, German).
- 3** A recovery of exegetical / expository preaching.
- 4** A recovery of congregational singing.
- 5** A recovery of family worship / biblical piety in the home.
- 6** A recovery of the sacraments.
- 7** Numerous examples of godly men and women who courageously sacrificed their lives for the sake of the Gospel. Read ***Foxes Book of Martyrs***.

As you celebrate Reformation Day, remember all that God did, and continues to do, through that extraordinary period of history. And pray for the faithful ministry of the Word so that we don’t enter a new dark age. Soli Deo Gloria! ♦

~John Payne, pastor of Christ Church Presbyterian, Charleston, SC