

Theme for 2018

**WE ARE THE ARMY OF GOD &
WE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS!**

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)



This Week’s Thought – March 25, 2018

“To him [Jesus] who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.” Revelation 1:5(b) (NIV)

The blood of Christ on the cross not only washes away the stain of our sins—it breaks the bondage of sin’s control over our being. Our selfish thoughts become thoughts of true love. Our being motivated by greed grows into quiet acts of generosity. Our angry outbursts are tamed into a spirit of gentle patience by the Holy Spirit. Jesus loved us—loves us—and will love us. Our exalted Christ in heaven loves us, just as on earth our humble servant Jesus loved us. Each nail driven into the cross had a resounding thud of emancipation. His shed blood—was our Liberator.

“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God.” (Hebrews 9:14)

Are you held back by a hampering/troubling sin? If so, release it to the love of Jesus. His loving forgiveness will heal your sin sickness and replace it with His righteous strength so you can overcome. Rejected divine love says the fleeting affections of my little idols are enough. Accepted divine love can’t get enough of eternity’s embrace. Our compassionate Lord looks down in empathy and extends His love to you. Will you let go of your trinkets and trust Jesus? His love liberates.

Furthermore, live in ongoing worshipful celebration of Christ’s love. **Jesus has overcome sin, Satan and death!** We are more than conquerors, because Jesus has conquered, is conquering and will conquer. **He came to forgive on earth riding a lowly donkey but He will emerge from heaven ready to judge mounted on a conquering stallion.** The victorious love of Christ flows from hearts full of Him. So, believe in the love of Jesus, receive the love of Jesus and be set free by the love of Jesus! We worship our Lord, Savior, King & Redeemer; and trust Him to overcome by His love.

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” (Romans 8:35,37)

Application: What disorderly love of yours needs Christ’s perfect love? What besetting sin do you need to let go of?

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Father, You are a compassionate, all-powerful, on-time God. There is no need in my life that is overlooked, overwhelming, or overly difficult for You to meet. You use the good, the bad, and the complex matters that I sort through daily to test my faith and grow my patience and endurance. These challenges that are continually before me compel me to look to the Scriptures for spiritual understanding and sustaining power. I will trust in Your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation, in the midst of the wait. My heart seeks after You, my Lord and my Savior, for You have cared for me all the days of my life and You will continue to do so, for You promised to never leave me nor forsake me. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

“And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King