



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

October 19, 2025
19th Sunday after
Pentecost

Speaker: Pastor Mark Wong

During Worship

- ▶ Be still and prepare your heart for worship.
- ▶ Please close the main hall doors gently during worship services.
- ▶ Please take care of your personal belongings to avoid theft.

Offering

- ▶ Welcome to donate via E-transfer, email: westsidebaptistoffering@gmail.com
- ▶ To donate by cash or cheque, please use an offering envelope and put it into the offering bag during worship.
- ▶ When making a donation, please indicate your donation envelope number and your full legal name. The offering envelope number can be obtained from the church office.

Notes to CitRUs parents:

- ▶ The enrollment age for CitRUs Children's Ministry starts from age 3; one parent can accompany children under 3 to participate in worship in Room B.
- ▶ Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at Room E & F.
- ▶ Please supervise your children after you have picked them up from the classroom.

Parking

- ▶ The upstairs parking lot (Parking Lot 1) is designated for new comers, people with reduced mobility, the elderly and families with young children.
- ▶ The indoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2) will be closed at 1:00 pm on Sundays. Afterwards, you will have to wait until 10:00 am on Tuesday morning to collect your vehicle.
- ▶ Additional parking spaces are available at 8508 Ash Street (Parking Lot 3) on Saturdays from 4:00 - 7:00pm and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maps are available in the foyer.
- ▶ To be considerate of our neighbors, please do not park in the residential area.
- ▶ When parking in the outdoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2), please be careful not to block the emergency exits and keep a distance of 3 feet from the building's exterior wall so that the emergency exit doors can be fully opened.
- ▶ Please park and lock your bike/e-bike outside. Do not park the bike inside the building.
- ▶ Congregants are required to register online annually to park at the church or 8508 Ash during worship services. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/TDSft5sAJgk5QMeN8>



Scripture Reading Plan

- ▶ This week's Scripture readings remind us of the call to live faithfully under God's grace and truth. In Titus and 2 Timothy, Paul urges believers to hold fast to sound teaching, live with integrity, and pass on the faith with courage and endurance. In Hebrews, we are lifted to behold the greatness of Christ—God's final Word, our merciful High Priest, and the source of true rest. Together, these passages invite us to walk steadfastly in faith, pursue holiness in daily life, and find confidence in Jesus, who sustains us and leads us into the fullness of His grace and promise.
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ October 19 (Sunday) Titus 3:1-15
 - ▶ October 20 (Monday): 2Timothy 1:1-18
 - ▶ October 21 (Tuesday): 2Timothy 2:1-26
 - ▶ October 22 (Wednesday): 2Timothy 3:1-17
 - ▶ October 23 (Thursday): Hebrews 1:1-14
 - ▶ October 24 (Friday): Hebrews 2:1-18
 - ▶ October 25 (Saturday): Hebrews 3:1-19
 - ▶ October 26 (Sunday) Hebrews 4:1-16

Co·Mission

47. Truth of Godliness

[Titus 2:1-15]

12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. [Titus 2:12-14]

Sermon Outline

I. The Problem — Corruption Without Truth (Titus 1)

- ▶ Key Verse: “They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him.” (1:16)
 - ▶ Crete’s reputation: a culture built on lies, greed, and indulgence.
 - ▶ Their god, Zeus, deceived — so lying felt normal.
 - ▶ Paul’s message: The God revealed in Jesus never lies (1:2).
 - ▶ The danger: Religion without transformation.
 - ▶ Truth without godliness is hypocrisy.
 - ▶ Godliness without truth is impossible.
- ▶ Today: Our world prizes image over integrity — but God calls us to live truthfully.

II. The Solution — Grace That Trains Us (Titus 2:11–14)

- ▶ Key Verse: “The grace of God has appeared… training us to renounce ungodliness and to live godly lives.” (2:11–12)
 - ▶ Grace is not just pardon — it’s power.
 - ▶ Grace forgives and forms.
 - ▶ Illustration: Like a Blue Jays rookie trained by a coach — grace builds new habits and reflexes for holy living.
 - ▶ Two movements of grace:
 - ▶ Say NO to what destroys.
 - ▶ Say YES to what brings life.
 - ▶ Grace timeline:
 - ▶ Past: Jesus appeared — salvation.
 - ▶ Present: The Spirit trains us — formation.
 - ▶ Future: Jesus will return — glorification.

My Reflection

- ▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

III. The Result — Godliness Made Visible (Titus 2–3)

- ▶ Key Verses:
 - ▶ “So that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.” (2:10)
 - ▶ “Be ready for every good work.” (3:1)
 - ▶ In the Church: Godly leaders produce godly communities.
 - ▶ In the Household: Every generation lives the gospel beautifully.
 - ▶ Your life frames the gospel so the world can see its beauty.
 - ▶ In Public Life: Live humbly, kindly, and peaceably.
 - ▶ Godliness isn’t withdrawal — it’s witness.
 - ▶ Grace makes the invisible God visible.

IV. The Truth About Godliness

- ▶ It’s not perfection — it’s participation in grace.
- ▶ It’s not about image — it’s about integrity.
- ▶ It’s not retreat — it’s reflection of Jesus to the world.

My Reflection

- ▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

My Prayer Response

- ▶ Write down your responsive prayer for God’s word today.

My Action Response

- ▶ What changes will you make in response to God’s word today?

Small Group Discussions

1. Truth in a Culture of Appearances

- ▶ Paul writes that the Cretans lived in a culture built on lies (Titus 1:12–16).
 - ▶ In what ways do you see our culture today struggling with “truth”?
 - ▶ How do social media, personal branding, or even our daily interactions tempt us to value appearance over authenticity?
- ▶ Follow-up: What helps you stay honest — not just with others, but with yourself and with God?

2. The Foundation of Godliness

- ▶ Paul says “the knowledge of the truth leads to godliness” (Titus 1:1).
 - ▶ Why do you think truth and godliness must always go together?
 - ▶ What happens when we try to live a “good” life without being grounded in God’s truth?
- ▶ Follow-up: How does knowing the character of God — that He “never lies” — shape your trust in Him?

3. Grace That Trains

- ▶ Titus 2:11–12 says the grace of God “trains us” to live godly lives.
 - ▶ How do you understand grace — more as forgiveness or as formation?
 - ▶ Can you share a time when God’s grace “coached” you through a situation or helped you say no to something destructive?
- ▶ Optional tie-in: Think back to the Blue Jays illustration — where have you seen God’s grace “retraining your swing”?

4. Godliness in Everyday Spaces

- ▶ Paul tells Titus that believers should “adorn the doctrine of God” (2:10) — to make the gospel beautiful.
 - ▶ What does that look like in your world — your work, your friendships, your home?
 - ▶ How can your daily habits or online presence reflect the beauty of the gospel?
- ▶ Follow-up: Who has modeled that kind of everyday godliness for you, and what stood out about their life?

5. Grace in Public Life

- ▶ Titus 3:1–2 calls believers to be peaceable, considerate, and ready for every good work.
 - ▶ What does it look like to live faithfully and humbly in today’s polarized world — where outrage often gets more attention than kindness?
 - ▶ How can we practice godliness without coming across as self-righteous or withdrawn?
- ▶ Follow-up: What is one “good work” God might be calling you to this week — something small but visible?

6. Living Between the Two Appearings

- ▶ Paul says grace appeared in Christ and will appear again when He returns (Titus 2:11–13).
 - ▶ How does living “between these two appearings” affect your day-to-day decisions, hopes, or struggles?
 - ▶ Where do you sense God’s grace still training you right now?
- ▶ Closing Reflection: What’s one step you can take this week to “wear the Jesus jersey” — to make God’s truth visible through your life?

Announcements

- ▶ The **monthly bulletin** has been posted on the church bulletin board and website. Please refer to it for important notices.

Christmas Events

- ▶ December 24 Candlelight Service – Volunteers for Music Ministry are now being recruited. Please contact Pastor Mark Wong.
- ▶ Christmas Market – Volunteers (for Music and Marketing) are now being recruited. Please contact Pastor Mark Wong.
- ▶ Clothing Drive (Collection dates: Saturdays and Sundays, December 13–28)
- ▶ Supporting the charity Belkin Communities of Hope.

2026–2028 Deacon Election

- ▶ Nomination Committee Members:
 - ▶ Deacon Representatives: Dick Chan, Monica Tong, Jackson Yu
 - ▶ Congregation Representatives: Lobo Ho, Tommy Tung, Anita Yu
- ▶ The **criteria and procedures** for the deacon election have been posted on the bulletin board. Please read them carefully. If needed, nomination forms can be obtained from the church office.
- ▶ All nominees must be reviewed and recommended by the Nomination Committee.
- ▶ Deacon Election Timeline:
 - ▶ Nomination Begins: September 20
 - ▶ Nomination Deadline: October 19
 - ▶ Announcement of Deacon Candidates: November 8
 - ▶ Deacon Election: November 22 & 23
- ▶ The Deacon Election will be held online via Election Buddy.