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MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## SO OTHERS CAN SEE GOD

BY JERRY ASCHER

"Why isn't the gospel more attractive to unbelievers today?" asks author Jerry Bridges in his book, *The Joy of Fearing God*. One primary reason he gives is "the fact that in the everyday affairs of life, we Christians are no different from the general mass of unbelievers." This was one of the specific issues confronting the churches on the island of Crete where Titus had been sent by Paul to serve. Paul encouraged Titus to admonish the older women to teach the younger women "to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed" (2:5). Next, he was to exhort the young men to engage in a lifestyle of "integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, (and) sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you" (2:6-8). Bondservants were also to be taught that obedience to their masters without talking back and being

faithful in carrying out their duties was necessary "that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things" (2:10). Fast-forward to the present. Paul's words to Titus are just as necessary for us as they were for those believers in the first century. If we are honest with ourselves, especially during this past year, have there been times when we've been more intent on being right than being godly? Of expressing our own opinions rather than exhibiting Christ-like humility? Of being irritable rather than being constrained by the love of Christ? Peter says that we should strive for "honorable" conduct among the unsaved so that when they observe our good works, even if they speak against us as evildoers, those accusations will be seen as completely false, and in the end, God will be glorified by those very people (1 Peter 2:12). When we face trials, we must remember that we face each one in plain view of others who don't know the Lord. There's a certain expectation on their part of how a person usually reacts in difficult situations. May our reactions be different. And may we determine every day, with God's help, to allow nothing in our words or actions to detract from God's glory being reflected in our lives.



O REFLECT  
Thyself  
IN ME

TRUSTING ON  
THROUGH GOOD OR ILL,  
BY THY GRACE  
DEFENDED STILL;  
LET ME NOT IMPATIENT BE,

O REFLECT  
*Thyself*  
IN ME

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM OR 6:00 PM

Three live services will be available to fifteen people in the auditorium and livestreamed to fifteen others in the gym. The auditorium and gym will be treated as two separate places with their own entrances/exits and washrooms. Registration is available here or on the link below to attend one of the services. Please only come for your registered time. As always, livestream is available to your home.

- "GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE"
- PRAYER
- "JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL"
- "ASK YE WHAT GREAT THING I KNOW"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"
- MESSAGE: "TO PUT OFF AND PUT ON"  
EPHESIANS 4:17-24  
PASTOR MARK RICHMOND
- "MY SOUL FINDS REST"
- BENEDICTION

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### WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH: 7 PM

This in-person service is held in the auditorium and livestreamed to the gymnasium. There is a fifteen person limit for each area. A link to register will be sent out on Tuesdays through email. To participate from home, a Zoom link will be made available, as well.



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