

THE MESSAGE

Better Than We Had Hoped P8
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1. The Holy Spirit gives us Greater power to _____.
2. The Holy Spirit gives us Greater power over _____.
3. The Holy Spirit gives us Greater power to _____.
4. The Holy Spirit gives us Greater power to _____.

John 14:15-17a (NIV) - ¹⁵If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ^{17a}the Spirit of truth.

Acts 1:4-9 (NIV) - ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

John 14:12 (NIV) - Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Acts 2:1-18 (NLT) - ¹On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ²Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. ⁷They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, ⁸and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!”

MESSAGE NOTES

⁹Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” ¹²They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

¹³But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

¹⁴Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NLT) - ⁴There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. ⁷A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

John 16:7-8 (NLT) - ⁷But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NIV) - ¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Additional Reading on Spiritual Gifts:
1 Corinthians 12 | Romans 12 | Ephesians 4

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Financial Update

2024 General Budget:
\$9,100,000.00

YTD 04.30.2024 - Requirement:
\$2,975,000.00

YTD 04.30.2024 - Offering:
\$3,294,077.44

April Kingdom Offering: **\$57,902.13**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$306,341.44**



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Service Times:

- Saturdays | 6pm (south)
- Sundays | 9am (south)
- Sundays | 11:15am (north & south)
- Sunday [Fusion, 18-35] | 6pm (north)

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May 18 & 19, 2024

Worship God

Become part of His Family
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WELCOME!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convinced and unconvincing people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

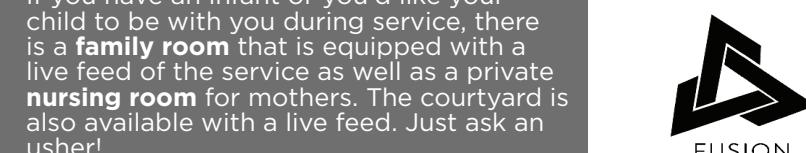
Enjoy the service!



Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill
Co-Lead Pastors

NEW?

- We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **New People's Table** in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.
- There is a **Connection Card** in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the dropbox at the New People's Table.
- If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. The courtyard is also available with a live feed. Just ask an usher!



Fusion is one of our weekend services and is specifically geared toward 18-35 year olds. We meet on Sunday nights 6pm at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north). Join us! For more info, visit: cafusion.com

INFORMATION



Invite a friend and join us next weekend for **CA Students Weekend!** Jesus saved us to not only have a relationship **WITH** us for eternity, but also to live **IN** us presently. Join us as we look at the biblical, beautiful mystery of Union with God. Salvation is not just a testimony in your past or heaven in your future; it is also God's presence and power in your present. If it is true that we live "in Christ" and Christ lives in us, every part of our lives can be suffused with his power, his joy, and his hope. Next weekend is a Communion weekend.



Whether you are newer to CA or have been here for years, join us for our **1-day Partnership** class (normally done over 4 weeks), on **Saturday, June 8 (9am to 1:30pm)** at **2435 Colorado Blvd. Rm. 21 (north)**. Partnership is an important step towards belonging where you will get to meet some of our pastors and learn our church history, values & beliefs. Coffee, pastries and lunch provided. **No childcare.** For more info and to register, please visit: cachurch.com/partnership



Our Kids Church Program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit: cakidscurch.com

We offer programs for both middle and high schoolers. For grades 6th-8th, we meet on Saturdays (6pm-7:15pm) and for grades 9th-12th, we meet on Wednesdays (7pm-8:30pm). For more info, please visit: castudents678.com



OPPORTUNITIES

CA SERVE DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
9AM - 3PM



CA, let's join in on what God is doing in our city! We will be partnering with Christian organizations throughout the city to share and demonstrate the love of Christ.

The outreaches include putting on a kids program, building projects, homeless ministry, service projects, youth outreach, and more. We need at least 200 volunteers to make this happen.

WE WILL BE SERVING WITH THE FOLLOWING PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Union Rescue Mission
- Families Serving Together
- VBS at the Alvarado Family Shelter
- Arroyo Seco Tiny Homes
- Eagle Rock Jr/Sr High
- Door of Hope
- Hope Gardens
- Hoving Home

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT: CACHURCH.COM/KINGDOM

UPCOMING EVENTS

CA Students Carwash

CA Students (our Jr. High & HS groups) will be hosting a fundraising car wash. All proceeds will go towards helping students pay for the cost of summer camp. **Please come to the south side parking lot between 1pm and 5pm on Sunday, May 26.** Get your car washed while contributing towards a life-changing experience for our students! Cost is \$15 per vehicle. For more info, please visit: castudents678.com/car-wash

Men's Retreat

Men, join us for our Men's Retreat (Oct. 25 - Oct. 27)! Retreats are a chance to escape the busyness of life in Los Angeles and connect with God and community. We'll spend three days and two nights in the San Bernardino mountains as we enjoy the beauty of creation, worship God together, enjoy biblical teaching, and brotherhood! Spots are limited, so sign up today! For more info and to sign up, please visit: cachurch.com/mensretreat

Fusion Vision Night

3,000,000+ young adults live in Los Angeles County. Fusion is a community of 18 to 35 year olds following Jesus together on a mission. If you are a young adult or you have a heart to help young adults trust and follow Jesus, then join us on **Sunday, June 2 at 6pm for Fusion Vision Night at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north)**. Fusion's Lead Pastor, Jake Walker, will share from God's Word a vision of life as young adults set apart for God's purposes in our time. That vision includes you! After the service, head to the Café to enjoy live music and free food. See you there!

KC Adventure Week Jr.

All Kids ages 3 to 5 years old are invited to join Kids Church for three mornings of "Under The Sea" fun! We will be diving into a "deep sea adventure" to "find Jesus". **Tuesday, June 18 to Thursday, June 20 (9am-11:30am) at 2424 Colorado Blvd. (south).** Cost is **\$25 per child.** For more info and to sign your child up, please visit: cachurch.com/adventureweek

We're Hiring

Male Pastor - Student Ministries: We are looking to hire a male youth pastor to join our Student Ministries team! Candidates should love working with middle and high school students, be passionately committed to God's Word, and serve with humility and joy. This is a full-time position with benefits. For a job description and to apply, please visit: cachurch.com/jobs