

Proud to Serve in Worship

	November 15, 2020	November 22, 2020
Opening Prayer	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Charles Hall	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Kenneth Jenks	Wade White
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Dismiss Services	Joe Holloway Sr.	Wade White

Announcements

Calendar for November – on the table in the foyer

Super Sunday- next Week!

Ladies' Holiday Luncheon-December 12, 2020 at 12:00 noon. Please bring: a side dish, a friend, and a donation to Safe Haven Women's Shelter in Statesboro.

Save Food Pantry Items, Cans, peanut butter

Bookmark our Facebook page. And add

EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com to your contact list. Brother Paul asks that you simply email him anything you want to appear on the Facebook page; pictures, announcements, etc.

Call List—There are forms on the back table if you want to be added to our call list. If you want a call made, call me or text me and I will make the call and schedule it. 912-667-0519

Prayer List—There is a form on the back table to add names to the prayer list.

Worship Services Online—Go to our website and there is a link at the bottom. Join us from anywhere in the world online. Subscribe to our YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5OdoHWTNUba_av5NqR_Vfg

Worship Zoom Meetings—add your email at you will get an email when

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Speaking Where The Bible

Speaks; Silent Where The Bible

Is Silent

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I can do all
Things through
Him Who
strengthens me.
-Philippians 4:13



Path to Victory

Men yearn for power and jockey for position. The disciples of Christ were not immune to this temptation. They seemed always to be asking, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" (Mt. 18:1).

While great men exercise authority over their subordinates, Jesus reveals a different path to greatness. He says, "whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant..." (Mt. 20:26). Then, he points to His own example, saying, "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (vs. 28). This was not a meaningless platitude, but a way of life for Jesus. Though recognized as "the Lord and the Teacher", He girded Himself with a towel that He might wash the feet of His disciples (Jn. 13:4-5, 14).

This is not political—where one might anticipate several paths to victory. There is only one path to

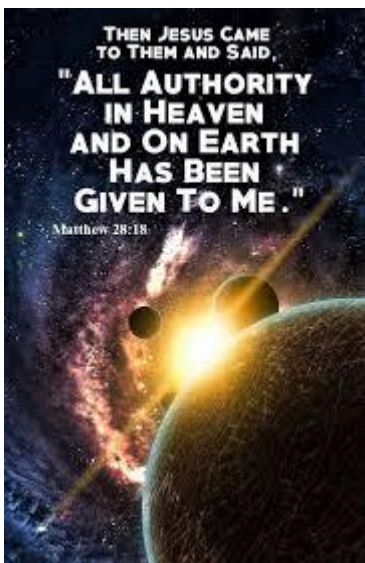


eternal glory. The Pharisees who thought of themselves as sitting in the chair of Moses (Mt. 23:1), thought they had discovered another path—the path of self-exaltation. Putting themselves forward, they overlooked the most basic principle affecting our relationship with God—that He is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble (Jas. 4:6). The only path to greatness lies in service to God and our fellowman. Jesus says, “Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted” (Mt. 23:12).

This principle is illustrated in the life of our Lord who “existed in the form of God...but emptied Himself...”, taking on the likeness and appearance of man (Ph. 2:6-7). As a man, Jesus “humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (vs. 8). The inspired writer continues and says, “For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the

earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Ph. 2:9-11).

As “Lord of lords and King of kings” (Rev. 17:14), Jesus has been given “all authority...in heaven and on earth” (Mt. 28:18). His power as the Son of God is forever proven by His resurrection from the dead and subsequent exaltation to the right hand of the Father in



heaven (Rm. 1:4; Acts 2:33, 36; Hb. 1:3). He is head over His body, the church, and must be given “first place in everything” (Col. 1:18). He is “head over all rule and authority...” (Col. 2:10). His words matter and they will be our standard of judgment on the last day (Jn. 12:48). Christ’s exaltation required humility, self-sacrifice and surrender to the will of God. We dare not settle for anything less.

–Glen Elliott–
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