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**Think Right;
Do Right!**

Philippians 4:8-9



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- Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, **think on these things.** ⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, **do:** and the God of peace shall be with you.

Phil 4:8



- **Whatever is true**

**This clearly implies that
everything is NOT true.
Some things are false.**

Philippians 4:8



- **whatever is honest**
- **whatever is honorable**
- **whatever is worthy of respect**

Is gossip, slander worthy of respect? Is cheating honorable?

Philippians 4:8



- **whatever is just**

Just is another moral absolute.

Everyone agrees it is unjust when a man is punished for a crime he did not commit.

Philippians 4:8



- **whatever is pure**

**Free from or absent of
contaminants.**

Genesis 6:5 (ESV)

- The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.



Philippians 4:8



• **Whatever is lovely**

Music makes us think. Does the music you listen to make you think of lovely things?

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**Do you listen to music
with foul language and
racial slurs over and
over again?**



Philippians 4:8



- whatever is of a good report
- whatever is commendable

**What kind of
things would
not be
commendable?**



Philippians 4:8



- if there is any excellence,
- if there is anything worthy of praise,
- think** about these things.

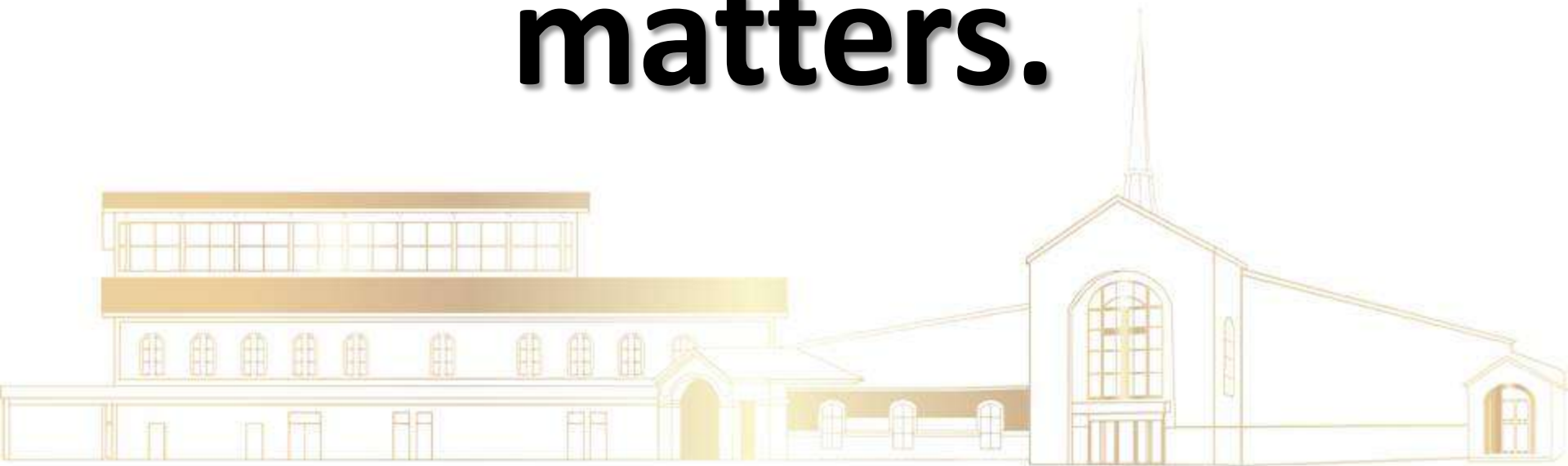
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What we
think
about matters!



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**7 reasons why what
we think about
matters.**



#1

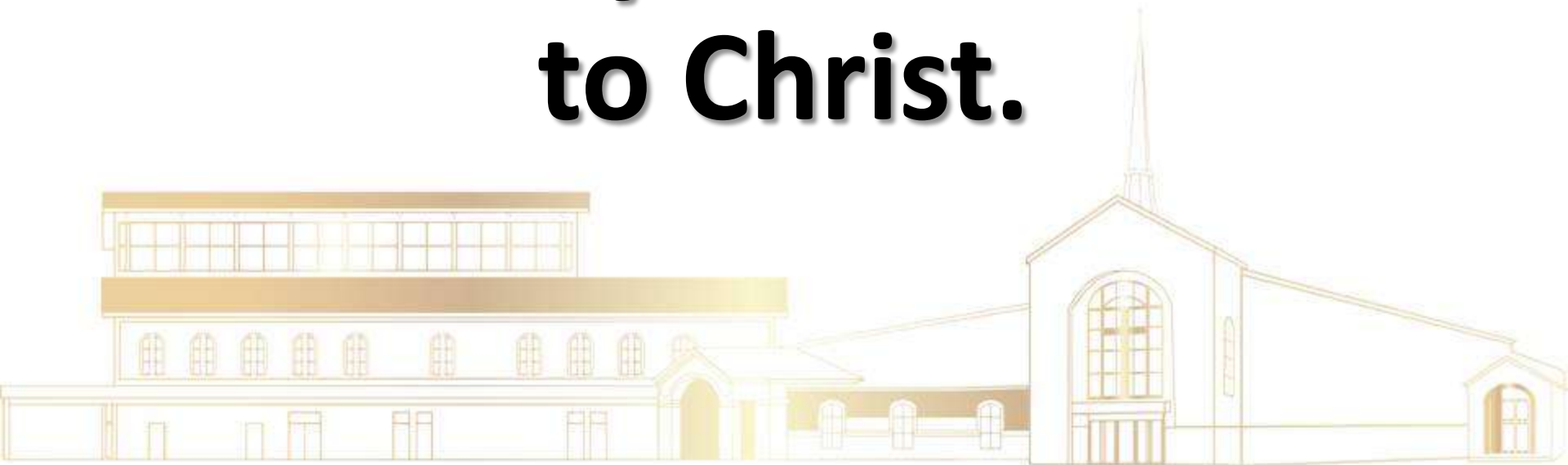
**God gave me my
cognitive
(thinking) abilities.**



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#2

**Right thinking is
necessary for obedience
to Christ.**



2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)

- We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, **and take every thought captive to obey Christ,**



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#3

**Wrong thinking is a
hindrance to seeing
God's Will accomplished.**



Matthew 16:23

- But he turned and said to Peter,
“Get behind me, Satan! **You
are a hindrance to me.**
**For you are not setting your
mind on the things of God, but
on the things of man.”**



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#4

**I am commanded to
love God w/ my mind.**



Luke 6:45 (ESV)

- The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, **for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**



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#5

**Renewing my thinking is
part of God's
transforming plan.**



Romans 12:2

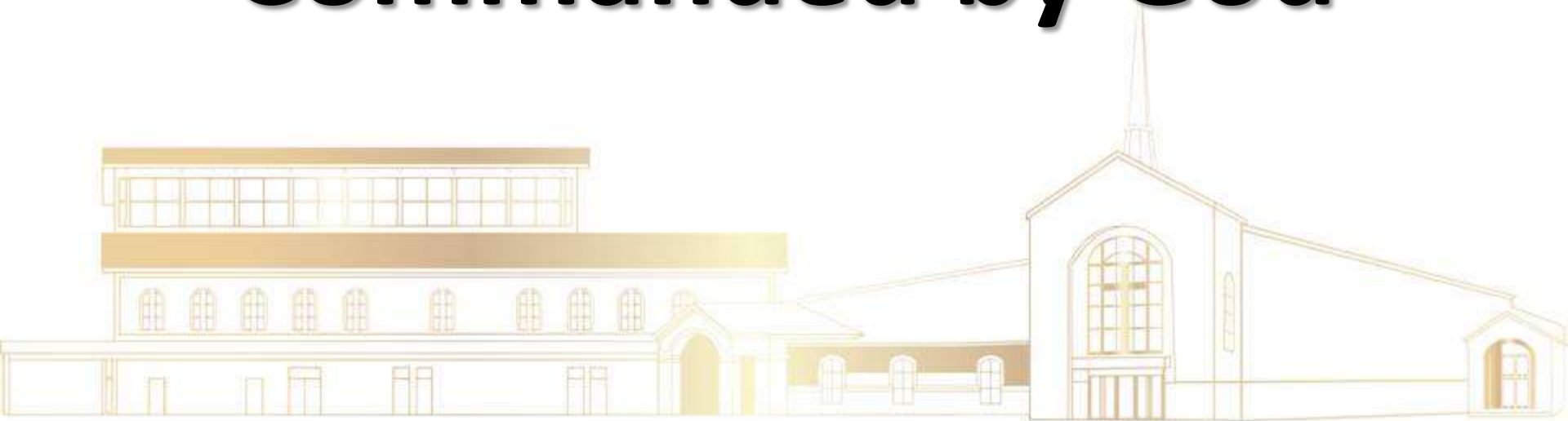
- Do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



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#6

My Personal Holiness is Commanded by God



1 Peter 1:15-16

- but as he who called you is holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct,**¹⁶ since it is written, “**You shall be holy,** for I am holy.”

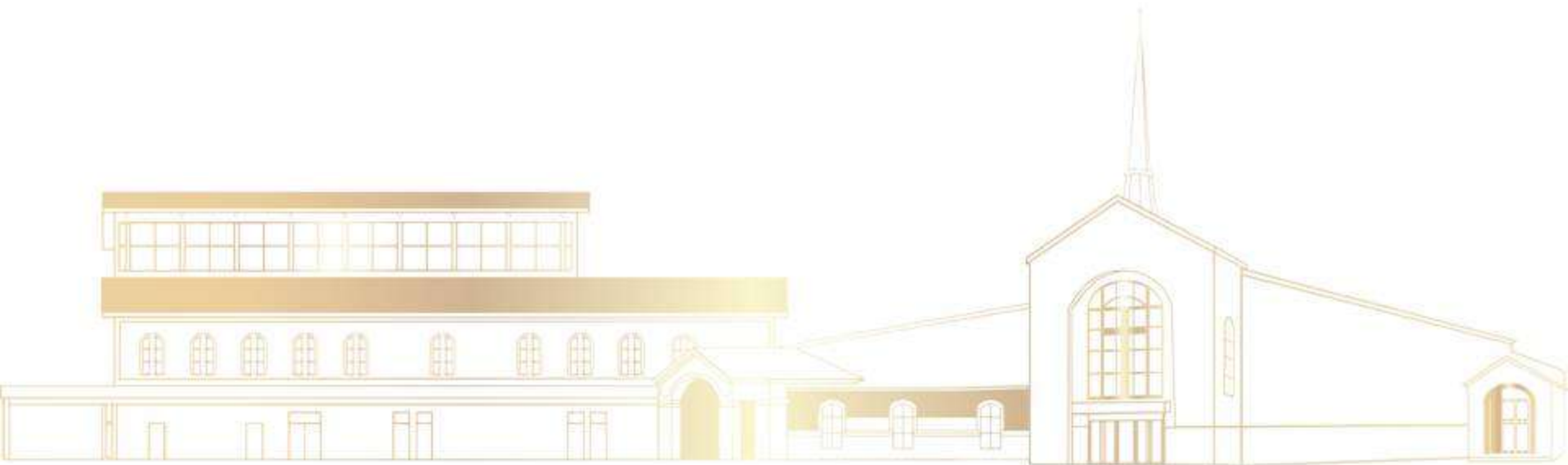


**Consider with
me the # of sins
that are thinking
sins.**



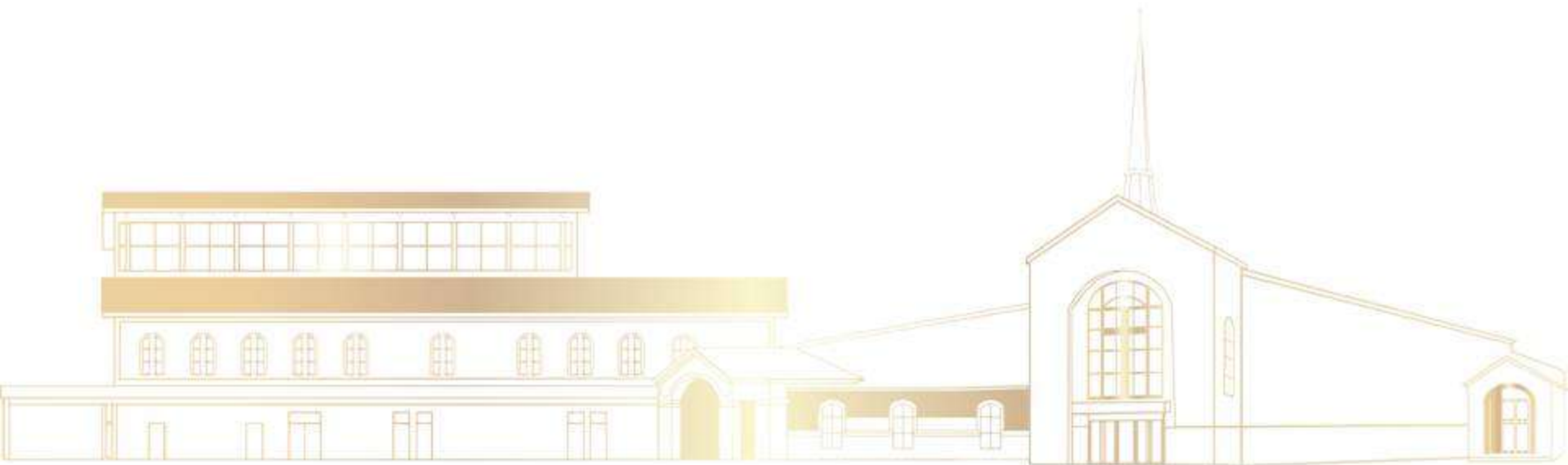
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Idolatry.



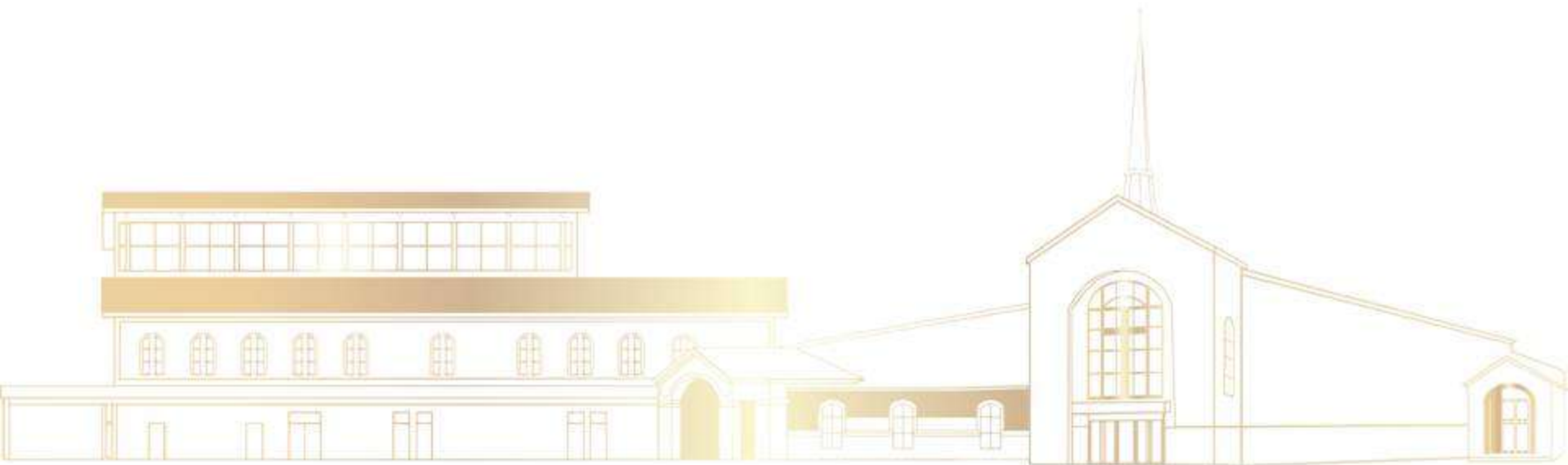
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Lust.



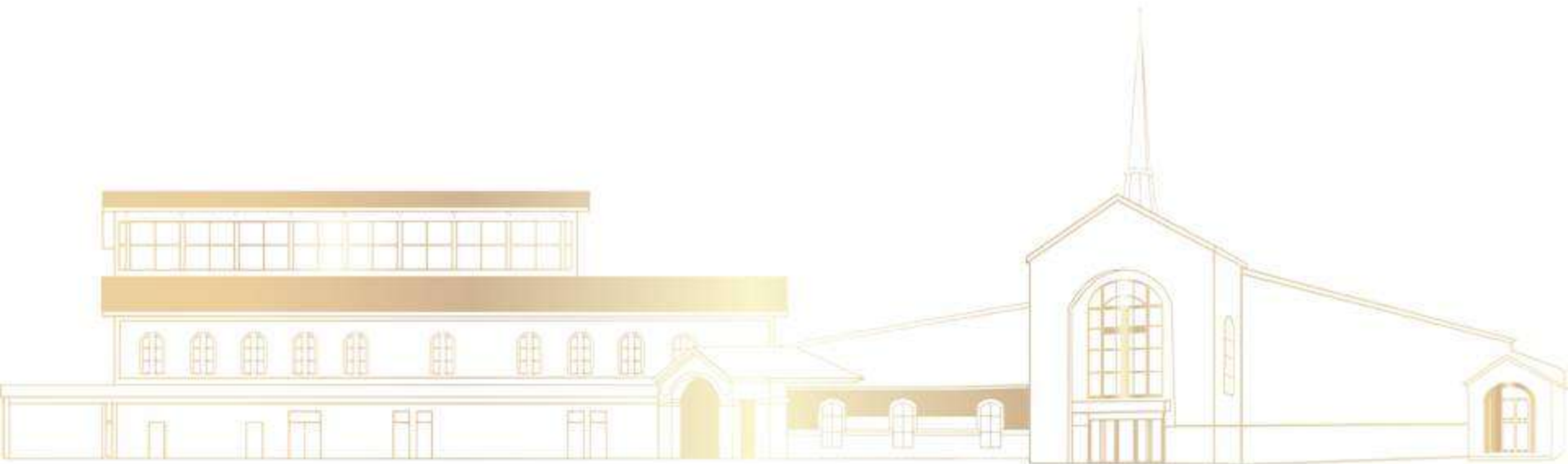
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Coveting.



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Hate.



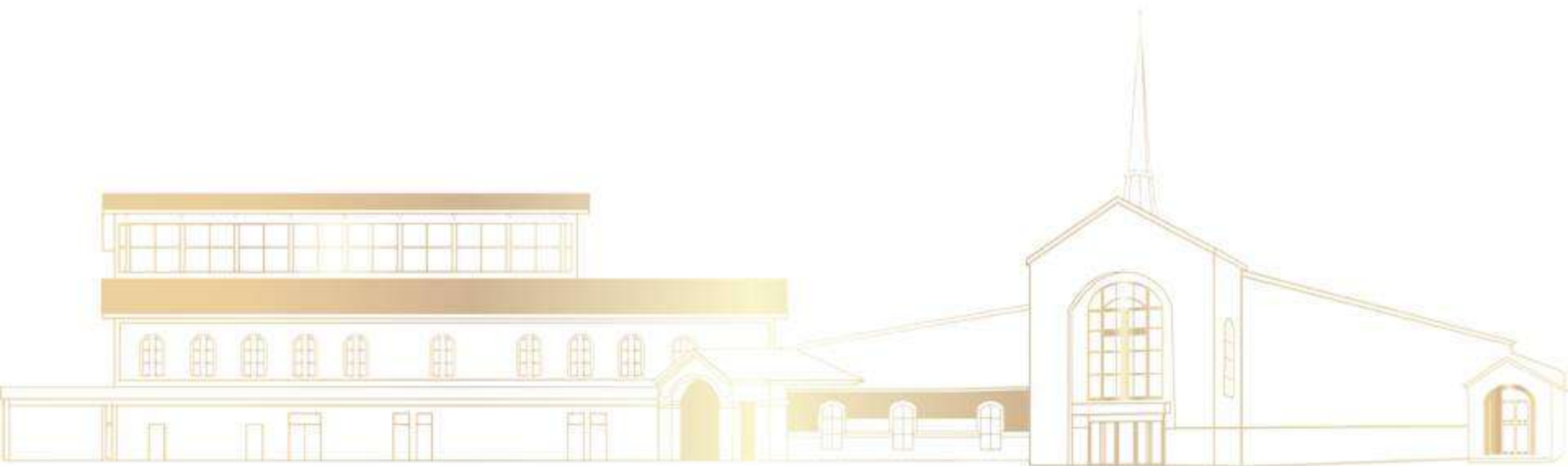
**Consider any and all forms of
racism—it is a sin of the
mind which manifests itself
in behaviors.**

**BUT it always starts in my
thinks.**



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Worry.



**Let's talk
about suicide.**



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#7

**My eternal destination
is at stake.**



Part II

v. 9



Philippians 4:9



- What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Notice

**Paul expects these
Christians to be
learning!**



Philippians 4:9



- What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me

**What Paul says
& what Paul does?**

**Paul's life has been an
example in both
word and deed.**

Is mine?



Philippians 4:9



- What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—
- practice these things,
- and the God of peace will be with you.

Practice is **Do!**



The Christian life is
more about what
we do than don't
do.



James 1:22–25 (ESV)

²² **But be doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets **but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**



We Do

- Love God with our

- ❖ Heart
- ❖ Soul
- ❖ Mind
- ❖ Strength

Mark 12:30



We Do

- Love our neighbors
as ourselves

Mark 12:31



We Do

- Husbands love their wives as Christ loved the church

Ephesians 5



We Do

- Wives respect their husband
- Children obey their parents

Ephesians 5:33-6:1



We Do

- Serve one other

Galatians 5:13



We Do

- Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



We Do

- Let our lights shine before others, so that they may see **the good works we do** and give glory to our Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



We Do

- Pray and make supplication with thanksgiving letting our requests be known unto God.

Philippians 4



We Do

- Submit to the governing authorities at the federal, state and local level on matters of civil obedience

Romans 13:1

Obey the Magistrate



We Do

Pay Our Taxes

- render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Matthew 22:21



We Do

- Let the thief no longer steal,
but rather let him labor,
doing honest work with his
own hands, so that he may have
something to share with anyone in
need.

Ephesians 4:28



We Do

- We **assemble** for corporate worship and the preaching of God's Word

Hebrews 10:25



We Do

- Then Peter said unto them,
Repent, **and be baptized
every one of you in the
name of Jesus Christ** for the
remission of sins, and ye shall receive the
gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38



We Do

- And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Luke 22:19

We Do the Lord's Supper



We Do

- Seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness
FIRST!

Matt 6:33



We Do

- Give generously
 - ☐ To the work of the Lord
 - ☐ To the needs of others

Luke 6:38



We Do

- Therefore, having put away falsehood, **let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor**, for we are members one of another.

Ephesians 4:25



We Do

- Confess our sins one to another

James 5:16



We Do

Paul told Timothy

- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15



We Do

- Do it all to the glory of God

1 Corinthians 10:31



**Finally, I would be
negligent if I did not
remind you there
are also things we
do NOT do.**



We Do NOT Do

- Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, depravity,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish rivalries, dissensions, factions,²¹ envying, murder, drunkenness, carousing, and similar things. I am warning you, as I had warned you before: **Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God!**

Galatians 5:19–21 (NET)

