



Unbound From Religious Systems

Hebrews 7:1-10

A. Religion vs. Jesus

1. Every religion in the world has a system.
2. Christianity isn't about finding the best religious system. It's about trusting the One who fulfilled the system completely.

B. What is your foundation?

1. "I have to earn God's approval by..." or

C. What's up with Melchizedek?

Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV, Hebrews 7:1-3 NIV, Genesis 14:18-19 NIV, Psalm 110:4 NIV

1. Melchizedek isn't the point; he was a glimpse of someone much greater who was coming...

D. Jesus is a better priest. *Hebrews 7:4-10*

1. We don't need better rules, better systems.
2. We need a better Priest.

E. Jesus did what religion never could.

Hebrews 7:11

1. The old system was never the destination; it was the sign pointing to the destination.

F. Jesus is an indestructible life.

Hebrews 7:16

1. Old Testament priests all died and were replaced by another priest.
2. The resurrection wasn't just proof that Jesus is alive, it was proof that Jesus is enough.

G. The problem with religious systems

Hebrews 7:19

1. Religion can tell you what to do. It just can't change your heart.
2. A mirror can reveal the problem, but it can't solve it.
3. We have a better hope.

H. In what or who are you trusting?

1. What do you revert to trusting in when you don't feel close to God?
2. Sometimes we unintentionally turn spiritual disciplines into spiritual currency.
3. There is a world of difference between obeying because you're accepted...and obeying so you'll be accepted.

I. It's guaranteed!

Hebrews 7:22

J. Jesus never stops.

Hebrews 7:25

1. Jesus lives forever.
2. Jesus is always interceding for you.

K. If Jesus has already done everything necessary to bring us to God...why do so many of us still live like we're trying to earn His approval?

Hebrews 7:26-28

1. He is the kind of High Priest we need. Jesus is perfect forever.

L. Religion vs. Jesus

1. Religion says...Become holy, then God will accept you.
2. Jesus says...Come to Me, and I'll make you holy.

M. Three questions

1. What are you still trying to earn?
2. What religious system are you still carrying?
3. Are you doing things to become loved by God or are you doing things because we are already loved by God?

Bottom Line:

You cannot be fully unbound until you truly believe **Jesus is enough.**

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

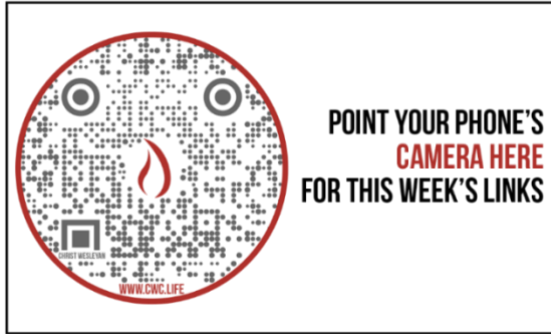
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Next Sunday: UnBound: Breaking Free

Week 8: Unbound From The Outdated

Hebrews 8:8-13

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 106.1%

Giving year to date: 93.7% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,761

Salvations to date: 23 | Baptisms to date: 53

Upcoming Happenings:

Sunday July 19th – Celebration Sunday!

Saturday, August 8th – Reach the Hole in One Golf Tournament (*Benefit our Reach the One Capital Campaign*)

Scan the QR Code below for more information:



Sunday, August 9th – Get Out Sunday! **One service at 10:15am** with community prayer groups to follow!

Sunday, August 9th - Fireworks Rain date. Gather at 7:00pm with fireworks around 9:30pm.

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

474 Total Participants

\$4,000,000 – Giving Goal by Nov. 2027

\$2,431,193.38 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$2,052,298.65 - Received Donations – 51% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

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Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party: 1st Sunday of Every Month (Next one: August 2nd)

- *If you are new* or if you’ve been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you’re asking the question, “*How can I make friends here?*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track: 3-week classes/Sunday morning in-person and Wednesday evening online

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve His church. The classes will guide you to not only become a vital part of our ministries, but more importantly, how to use what you learn to continue growing in your faith to share with others. We are excited to now have online-facilitated evening classes in addition to the existing in-person Sunday class opportunities. You can see what classes are available by going to cwclife.churchcenter.com/registrations and select the Next Steps filter.

Membership Class: Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life