

GALENA BIBLE CHURCH

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Nov 4, 2018

- Welcome and Announcements..... Pastor Tim
- Opening Prayer.....Chris Fransman
- Video and Prayer for the Persecuted Church.....Pastor Gary
- *Songs of Trust..... Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul
My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone
It is Well
- Offertory.....God the Maker (April Wagner & Charity Rouse)
- *Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 7:6-9, 32-35 (p.955)
Mark Benedict
- MessageThe Gift of Singleness
Pastor Gary
- Celebration of the Lord’s SupperCongregation
- *Closing Prayer and Benediction Pastor Adam

*Please stand if you are able

Child care is available for children pre-school age and younger in our nurseries located at the end of the fellowship hall. Also, a cry room with a window and audio is available for your use adjacent to the sanctuary.

The Gift of Singleness

1 Corinthians 7

Singleness (or celibacy) can sound like a curse (especially in a church culture that so emphasizes marriage and family). But what is God’s view?

I. The Apparent Situation in Corinth – A Misguided Super-Spirituality (7:1)

II. All God’s Gifts Are Good Gifts (7:7)

Benefits of the celibate life:

A. An avoidance of certain “worldly troubles” associated with marriage (7:28, 33)

B. A potential ability to live a more fruitful life of service in God’s Kingdom (7:32, 34; Matt 19:12)

C. An opportunity to show forth the “not yet” in the “already, and not yet” (Eph 5:32; Mk 12:25)

III. Two Practical Questions:

A. For those who are single and contemplating marriage: How would being married help “secure your undivided devotion to the Lord”? (7:35)

B. For those married in the church: How welcome and included do you make our single brothers and sisters feel?

Next week: As we conclude this sermon series we’ll be considering the local church as God’s household, with all people, men and women, playing critical family roles. Our text will be the whole of 1 Timothy (overview).