



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

*Guard the Truth*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

My Jesus I Love Thee

Call to Worship

Song

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – #77

Prayers of the People

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:16-22

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

**Guard the Gospel**

1 Timothy 1:3-11

**WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD**

Song

O Church Arise

Benediction

Benediction Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Guard the Truth*  
*Guard the Gospel*  
1 Timothy 1:3-11

**Question:** What is worthy of our defense at Great Valley? What should we be careful to guard well?

*"I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears...And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again." (Acts 20:29-31,36-38a)*

*"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first." (Revelation 2:4-5a)*

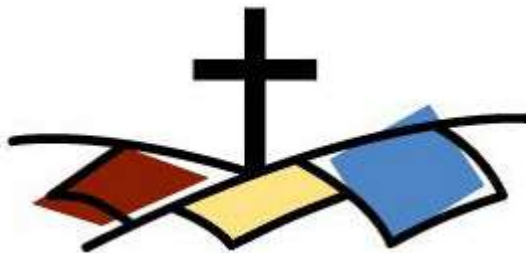
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**Point to Ponder:** How do we (or should we) defend the truth of the gospel? Do we know it well enough to spot a fraud?

If you want to learn more about 1<sup>st</sup> Century Ephesus and even see some of its ruins, take a look at this link:  
[resources.takingground.org.uk/ephesus-in-the-first-century](http://resources.takingground.org.uk/ephesus-in-the-first-century)

**Next Week:**

Next Sunday morning we continue in our sermon series entitled *Guard the Truth* by considering **1 Timothy 1:12-17 Celebrating the Gospel**.



## **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin  
He sets the pris'ner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

Hear Him ye deaf His praise ye dumb  
Your loosened tongues employ  
Ye blind behold your Savior come  
And leap ye lame for joy

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thru all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

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## **O Church Arise**

O church arise and put your armour on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

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