

## CONDUIT OF CHRIST

(Luke 6:27-38)

### Introduction:

1. Conduit = a channel for conveying water or other fluid; from the Latin *conductus*.
2. Did you know that Christians are the conduit of Christ? Instead of conducting water we are conducting the blessings of God (the “living water” of John 4:10).
3. Let us this morning consider God’s design, His work, and His appeal to His people about serving as conduits for all the children of God.

### Discussion:

#### I. God’s Design.

- A. Note Gen. 12:1-3 and 22:16-18 together.
  1. Those who come to God and obey Him will be blessed.
  2. Those people, in turn, will become a blessing for those around them.
- B. Add to these verses the truth of Gal. 3:5-9, 27-29. Just as Abraham and his descendants were to be a blessing for all the nations of the world, so too Christians today.
- C. Now consider Matt. 5:3-16 = God’s people are a blessing (salt and light) to the world around them.

#### II. God’s Work.

- A. The truth and promises of God (Heb. 1:1, 2; Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:2; et al).
- B. The love and compassion of God (John 3:16; 1 John 4:19-21; Matt. 22:37-39).
- C. The aid and comfort of God (2 Cor. 1:3-7; Gal. 6:2, 10).
- D. The fellowship and discipline of God (John 14:17, 23; 1 John 1:5-7; Heb. 12:3-16).
- E. The status and glory of God (Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Tim. 2:4; Matt. 5:16).
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#### III. God’s Appeal.

- A. Consider 2 Cor. 5:17-20 and what it implies and charges.
  1. It implies that without Christ we would not be reconciled to God, and that without us many in the world will not either.
  2. It charges us therefore (context of 2 Cor. 5:14ff) to indeed serve as the means of God reconciling His people to Himself.
- B. Consider again Matt. 5:13 and 6:22, 23. If we will not come to God and be blessed in order to bless others then we are useless to God, and to the world.

### Conclusion:

1. God’s desire is that all the world be saved by coming to the knowledge of the truth, and it is His will to bless His people with an abundance we could not fully accept (Mal. 3:10).
2. God’s people play a crucial role in this fulfillment of God’s desire. If we will not come to God to be blessed, we cannot be a blessing to others. If we do not fill ourselves up with God’s blessings we cannot be the cornucopia God intended.
3. Invitation.

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1. Consider Israel's role as God's beacon of light in the world (Deut. 4:1-9).
2. Consider the Christian's role as God's beacon of light.
  - A. John 1:1-14ff = Jesus as THE Light that has come into the world as God's beacon. Followed by the service of men reflecting/identifying THE light as a means to serve as God's beacon.
  - B. Matt. 5:13-16 = Christians are to influence the world for God and shine God's light in this world of darkness. All so that God might be glorified. Did you get that? We shine so that we might shine upon God (hallelujah).
  - C. 1 Pet. 3; esp. v15 = Christians' lives are to attract attention (as light in darkness) and be able to explain their light.
  - D. 1 Thess. 4:1-12ff = same thing but with added encouragement for Christians.
3. Consider some other examples of this function of God's people in the world.
  - A. Isaac and Abimelech = Gen. 26:26-30.
  - B. Jacob and Laban = Gen. 30:25-27.
  - C. Lot and Sodom and Gomorrah = Gen. 19.
4. Note the reference to this truth in 1 Cor. 7:14.
5. Hard Questions for us to consider:
  - A. If we will not allow God to bless us via faithful obedience, how can we bless others?
  - B. If we are not willing to deny ourselves in order to relay God's blessings to others, how will it get done?
  - C. What will be God's response when instead of being His willing and thankful conduits we become impediments to His blessings?
6. Beautiful reality to embrace = if we allow ourselves to be blessed and spend our lives blessing others God will truly fill us to overflowing with more blessings day-by-day (Eph. 3:13-21).