

Jesus First: **THE BATTLE OF THE HEART**

HOW JESUS CHRIST BECOMES
OUR GREATEST TREASURE

FALSE TREASURES
FADE. EMPTY. NEVER SATISFY.

THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE
PRICELESS. ETERNAL. ALL-SATISFYING.

"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO." — MATTHEW 6:21

The Battle of the Heart:

When Jesus Becomes Our Greatest Treasure

- This is far more than a campaign for resources—it is a sacred invitation to surrender. It is a moment to crown Jesus Christ first in our hearts and to stand united as the Colorado Springs Christian Church, moving together with one purpose and one heart. Therefore, as one church, united under Jesus Christ—crucified in love, raised in power, and reigning as King—we seek the unity of the Spirit, grounded in the conviction that Jesus is our greatest treasure, because where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also.

Therefore, our prayer and faithful aim is to be grounded in the Truth of God’s Word, led by the Spirit, and compelled by Christ’s love as we walk together in humility, sacrifice, forgiveness, and faithful obedience. With one heart, one voice, and one mission, we will treasure Jesus Christ, our King, above all, build up His body, proclaim His Gospel, and glorify God.

Key Text: Matthew 6:19–24

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

— Matthew 6:21

Series Dates:

- **Start:** Sunday, August 16, 2026
- **End:** Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Series Theme:

- Jesus taught that what we treasure reveals who we worship. Our hearts always follow our investments. In a culture driven by comfort, success, possessions, and self, Christ calls His disciples to place Him first above everything else.
- **A Campaign For the Heart:** True faith is never inactive; it produces a life marked by love. How? We believe that hope empowers our faith, which in turn works through love, service, and obedience. Ref: Colossians 1:5a. When we know our ultimate future is secure in Heaven, hope frees us from the need to hoard resources, status, or self-protection in the present. That heavenly security empowers us to walk by faith with God, without fear, and with the freedom to love and serve others selflessly.



August Goals:

1. Unify the CSCC: Shift from "Storing Up" to "Investing Up" (vv. 19-20)

Jesus warns against hoarding treasures that are subject to decay. For a church, this is a call to evaluate whether the ministry is focused on self-preservation (building large "earthly" reserves or prestige) or kingdom expansion.

- **Goal:** Reallocate resources toward initiatives with eternal value, such as global missions, local community outreach, and discipleship programs.
- **Actionable Metric:** Instead of measuring success by the size of the savings account or facility upgrades, measure it by the number of lives impacted, the number of people disciplined, and the depth of the church's generosity.

2. Unify the CSCC: Develop a "Generous Eye" (vv. 22-23)

Jesus uses the metaphor of the eye as the "lamp of the body." A "healthy" (or generous) eye fills the body with light, while a "bad" (or stingy / dark) eye leads to darkness.

- **Goal:** Foster a culture of radical generosity and an outward-facing vision. If the church is "closed up" or stingy, it loses its spiritual clarity. Every disciple in the CSCC lives out Matthew 6:23; Romans 12:1-2 regarding tithing.
- **Actionable Metric:** Implement consistent stewardship teaching that frames giving not as a way to pay the bills, but as a way to "clear the vision" of the congregation. Encourage ministries that require the church to look outward rather than inward.

3. Unify the CSCC: Prioritize Eternal Stability Over Temporal Security (v. 20)

Earthly security is volatile; heavenly security is absolute.

- **Goal:** Move away from a "survivalist" mentality. Many churches become paralyzed by the fear of inflation or dwindling attendance, which can lead to a "darkness" of spirit.
- **Actionable Metric:** Set "Faith Goals" that exceed the current budget, trusting in God's provision rather than relying solely on safe, predictable income. This encourages the congregation to rely on God rather than their own stockpiles.

4. Unify the CSCC: Crucified In Love, Raised In Power, Reigning as King - Seek His Voice

Teach the why and the how of faith working in love. In other words, love is the fruit of true faith in the Gospel.

- **Goal:** Teach the Jesus-First life that brings glory to God the Father and Christ our King! Equip the Family Group Leaders beginning on Friday, August 21, 2026.

5. Unify the CSCC: Crucified In Love, Raised In Power, Reigning as King - Declare His Gospel

Jesus Christ never said to gather large crowds. Rather, He commanded His followers to go and make disciples of all nations, to baptize them, and to teach them to obey and follow Him, and in turn, to make more disciples by declaring His Gospel message.

- **Goal:** Hand out the Christ-Led Discipleship Justification Gospel study series to the CSCC and begin equipping the Saints of the CSCC to declare His Gospel.
- **Actionable Metric:** Each One Reach One.

6. Unify the CSCC: Crucified In Love, Raised In Power, Reigning as King - Move ALL Generations

As the Gospel continues to bear fruit, our eyes are opened to the glory and love of Christ. He opens our eyes to see one another, an action that requires love-inspired intentionality. In short, as we follow Christ on the path of life, we must embrace the call to love and walk together through discipling. What is discipling?

- **Goal:** Teach and define what true love-inspired discipling is. Have honest, real conversations about areas of our lives where our convictions have grown weak or been lost.
- **Actionable Metric:** Every disciple walks with another disciple in the five S's because we treasure Christ above all else.

Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Will Be Also.

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Scripture:

Matthew 6:19–24; 33

Big Idea:

- Your treasure reveals your true king.

Main Points:

1. Earthly treasures never last. Heavenly treasures endure forever.
2. Your heart always follows your treasure.
3. You cannot serve both God and money.
4. Faith is the conviction of what you cannot see.

Application:

- What consumes your thoughts?
- What receives your time?
- What receives your money?
- What receives your affection?
- How do we seek first the Kingdom of God?

Challenge:

- Move Jesus from being important to being first. How?

Preacher: Frank Williams

Bearing the Fruit of the Jesus-First Life. Part 1

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Scripture:

Matthew 22:37-40

Big Idea:

- We follow Jesus Christ first by putting His highest priority at the center of everything we do: loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Because Jesus declared that all God's teachings hang on these two commandments, we measure our life, culture, and mission by how faithfully we love God, one another, and our neighbors, just as Jesus did.
- The question we must answer biblically is why and how we live the Jesus-First life.

Main Points:

1. New wine and old wine.
2. The standard and why and how do we live it out?
3. Faith is the conviction of what you cannot see.
4. The fruit and vision of the CSCC - Faith working in love.
5. Faith is the conviction of what you cannot see.

Application:

- Faith bears the fruit of love.
- Showing you are a disciple of Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

Challenge:

- Embrace the new wineskin.



Preacher: Frank Williams

Bearing the Fruit of the Jesus-First Life. Part 2

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 -

CSCC ALL-CHURCH MIDWEEK

Scripture:

Matthew 22:37-40

Big Idea:

- The power of hope-inspired faith working in love!
- The Kingdom of God!
- How do hope, faith, and love anchor our hearts in the true treasure of Jesus Christ?

Main Points:

1. New wine and old wine.
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Application:

- Faith bears the fruit of love.
- Showing you are a disciple of Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

Challenge:

- Embrace the new wineskin.

Preacher: Frank Williams and others

The Hidden Treasure.

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Scripture

Matthew 13:44

Big Idea

- Jesus is worth losing everything to gain.

Main Points

1. The incomparable value of the Kingdom.
2. Joyful surrender.
3. Trading temporary for eternal.
4. Christ is our greatest treasure.

Application

- What earthly treasure keeps you from eternal joy?

Preacher: Luke Williams

The Pearl of Great Price! Part 1

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Scripture

Matthew 13:45-46

Big Idea

- Jesus is worth losing everything to gain.

Main Points

1. The incomparable value of the Kingdom.
2. Joyful surrender.
3. Trading temporary for eternal.
4. Christ is our greatest treasure.

Application

- What earthly treasure keeps you from eternal joy?

Preacher: Frank Williams



The Pearl of Great Price! Part 2

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Scripture

Matthew 13:45-46

Big Idea

- Jesus is worth losing everything to gain.

Main Points

1. The incomparable value of the Kingdom.
2. Joyful surrender.
3. Trading temporary for eternal.
4. Christ is our greatest treasure.

Application

- What earthly treasure keeps you from eternal joy?

Preacher: Frank Williams

Week 6: The Rich Young Ruler.

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Scriptures

Mark 10:17–31; Matthew 6:19-23

Big Idea

- Anything you cannot *surrender* has become your treasure.

Main Points

1. Religion without surrender.
2. Jesus exposed the idol.
3. The sorrow of divided allegiance.
4. The reward of following Christ.
5. Every disciple tithes because we treasure Christ above all.

Questions

- What would Jesus ask you to surrender?
- What competes with Christ?

Preacher: Joel Sebald

Laying Down Our Lives.

But Why Should I?

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 . . .

CSCC ALL-Church Midweek

Scripture

Matthew 6:19-23; Roman 12:1-2; Luke 9:23-26

Big Idea

- Following Jesus costs everything but gains eternity.

Main Points

1. Deny yourself. Why and how?
2. Take up your cross daily. Why and how?
3. Follow Jesus completely. Why and how?
4. Losing your life is finding it. Do you truly believe this? See Matthew 13:45-46

Challenge

- What part of your life have you refused to surrender?

Preacher: Luke W and Matt R

The Widow Who Gave Everything.

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Scripture

Mark 12:41–44

Big Idea

- God measures sacrifice, not amount.

Main Points

1. Jesus watches our giving.
2. God values wholehearted trust.
3. Faith gives from dependence.
4. Jesus deserves everything.
5. Every disciple tithes because we treasure Christ above all.

Challenge

- Give generously because Christ gave everything.

Preacher: Joel Sebald

A Church That Treasures Christ.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

SPECIAL CSCC All-Church Midweek

Scripture

1 Timothy 1:16-17; John 17:20-21

Big Idea

- When Jesus is treasured, community flourishes and walks in love-inspired unity.

Main Points

- **Unify the CSCC:** Our why, how, and the fruit of faith in love - what.
- **Unify the CSCC:** Devotion to God's Word.
- **Unify the CSCC:** Meetings of the Body
- **Unify the CSCC:** Being rich towards God
- **Unify the CSCC:** Declaring His Gospel
- **Unify the CSCC:** Every disciple living Romans 12:1-2 regarding tithing, no more than 20%. Start with the Malachi 10%

Application

- Treasuring Christ transforms the church.

Preacher: Frank Williams