

Week 3: Love Reigns Over Our Present

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Speaker: Dr. Justin Hardcastle

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MY CHOICES _____

WHO REIGNS IN MY LIFE

- The things we choose to do or not do, show who we are listening to.
- **Read:** Romans 12:1
- Seeing everything through **God’s mercy** could change your life. We can move from what we want to have done for us, to the things that God has already done.
- **Read:** Psalm 51:16-17: This passage helps us to see the real reason for the sacrificial system that the Jews had in place.
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