

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

November 15, 2020

“You are not under the Law, but under Grace”

– Romans 6:14

The word “grace” sums up everything that by way of contrast with the law is embraced in the provisions of redemption. Believers have come under all the resources of redeeming and renewing grace which find their epitome in the death and resurrection of Christ.

– John Murray

† CALL TO WORSHIP

From Ezekiel 36:25-29 & Revelation 4

Minister: I have taken you from the nations and gathered you from all the countries and brought you into my own land.

People: You have sprinkled clean water on us, and we have been made clean from all our uncleanness, and you will cleanse us from all our Idols.

Minister: I have given you a new heart, and a new spirit I put within you. I have removed your heart of stone & given you a heart of flesh.

People: You have put your Spirit within us, and lead us in your statutes and rules.

Minister: You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God!

People: And on that day, we will cry out, as we do now,

**All: Holy, Holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!
Worthy are you, our LORD & God, to receive glory and honor and power!**

† *Please stand if able*

+ HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and
love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

“Lo, the Storms of Life are Breaking”

Lo the storms of life are breaking
Faithless fears our hearts are shaking
For our succor undertaking,
Lord and Savior, help us!

Lo! The world from Thee rebelling,
Round Thy Church in pride is swelling
With Thy word their madness quelling,
Lord and Savior, help us!

Bridge: By Thy birth, Thy cross, and passion
By Thy tears of deep compassion
By Thy mighty intercession
Lord and Savior, help us!

On Thine own command relying,
We our onward task are plying
Unto Thee for safety sighing,
Lord and Savior, help us!

Bridge: By Thy birth, Thy cross, and passion
By Thy tears of deep compassion
By Thy mighty intercession
Lord and Savior, help us!

Tag: Lord and Savior, help us.
Lord and Savior, help us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because Christ Jesus died in your place,
for your sins, you are forgiven.

People: Hallelujah! Praise God!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Children ages 3 through 4th grade dismiss with their
teachers for Sunday school. They will return at the end
of the service.*

+HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“No Longer Slaves”

You unravel me, with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance, from my enemies
all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to sin
I am a child of God (2x)

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again, into a family
Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to sin
I am a child of God (2x)

You split the sea
So I could walk right through it
My sins were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me
And I will stand and sing
I am the child of God (2x)

I'm no longer a slave to sin
I am a child of God (2x)
I am a child of God

SERMON TEXT

Romans 6:14-23

14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

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20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “For All the Marbles”*Rev. Lanier Wood**Romans 6:14-23*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

+ CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus Paid it All"

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus:

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Chorus

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (5x)

† **BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Tonight –

Youth Small Groups, 5:00-6:30p

Tuesday, November 17 –

Crichton Table, bagged lunches handed out at 11:30a.

Wednesday, November 18 –

Community Bible Study (virtual)
CovGirls Group, 3:15-4:30p

Thursday, November 19 –

Men's Bible Study, 6:30a
Women's Bible Study, 9:15a & 7:00p

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Day One – Ezekiel 46-48; John 16

Day Two – Daniel 1-3; Psalm 88; John 17

Day Three – Daniel 4-6; John 18

Day Four – Daniel 7-9; Psalm 91; John 19

Day Five – Daniel 10-12; John 20

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2020: Lance Covan, Wes Pipes

2021: John Bell, Bobby Crow, Robbie Turnipseed

2022: Bubba O’Gwynn, Brad Hoffman, Stephen Fitts,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering – Please mail your check to 2651 Springhill Ave. Mobile, Alabama 36607 or visit www.covenantpresmobile.org to give your offering.

Youth Small Groups – Join Us Tonight!

MS Girls - 5-6:30 @ the McKean's

HS Girls - 4-5:30 @ the Whigham's

MS Boys - 5-6:30 @ Fitts'

HS Boys - 7-8:30 @ Bell's

Thanksgiving at Crichton Table – Tuesday, November 24 at 11:30-1:00. We will serve a Thanksgiving meal outside on the basketball court. If you can help us set-up, serve, sit and talk and clean-up please email marty@covenantpresmobile.org

Wednesday Morning Prayer – The sanctuary will be open for prayer every Wednesday morning in November from 7am-1pm. Please maintain the sanctuary as a place of quiet meditation and prayer, especially if others are present. Please reach out to Lanier Wood by email or phone if you would like prayer with a pastor and/or elders.

CovGirls Bible Study – November 18th after school until 4:30. All girls 1st-4th grade are invited. Bible study, snack, and fellowship! Email marty@covenantpresmobile.org to reserve your spot.