

James River Community Church

Sunday May 23, 2021

Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

Joe Rigney, Shane Barnard

I sought the Lord
And He answered me
And delivered me
From every fear
Those who look on Him
Are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried
And the Lord heard me
And saved me from
My enemies
The Son of God
Surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever

Taste and see
That the Lord is good
Oh bless us here
Who hides in Him
Oh fear the Lord
Oh all you saints
He'll give you everything
He'll give you everything

Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever

Let us bless the Lord
Every day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

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Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever

Call to Worship

Adapted from *The Divine Life*, by Richard Baxter.

Christian,

If you were the last person alive in the world, would you then believe that God would take care of you? And if so, then why would he not take care of you now, as well? Isn't God just as present with you now? And just as sufficient for you now?

If you were the only person alive in the world, would the sun shine any brighter on you than it does now? And if that is true of the sun, then how much more is it true of the God who created the sun?

If God has created you, and saved you, and taken care of you up until now - shouldn't we believe and trust that he will graciously continue to do so?

God is For Us

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We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the valley
With you by our side
You will go before us
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge
Only you can save

Sing with joy now

Our God is for us

The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress

Raise your voice now

No love is greater

Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back
Still your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward
With never ending grace

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Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave his son to free us
Holds me in his love

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All I Have is Christ

Jordan Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

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Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Congregational Prayer

God of Mercy,

In Jesus Christ, you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to your glory. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace.

We have closed our eyes to our besetting sins.
Forgive our pride, selfishness, and indifference.

We have closed our eyes to the needs around us.
Forgive our apathy toward our neighbors.

Be gracious to us, through Jesus Christ, in whose
name we pray.

Amen.

Only a Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises

What other splendor outshines the sun

What other majesty rules with justice

Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

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Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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New City Catechism

Question 37

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, John B. Dykes

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Who was and is, and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
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Children's Church

Children (up to 2nd grade) are dismissed to Children's Church.

Baptism

Romans 6:1-11, Colossians 2:6-16

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to
observe all that I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20

We are justified by his grace, as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 3:24-25

We have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

So those who received his word were baptized,
and there were added that day about three
thousand souls.

Acts 2:41

But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:12

“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:44-48

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:3-4

Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And she was baptized, and her household as well.

Acts 16:14-15

The Philippian Jailer was baptized, he and all his family.

Acts 16:30

I did baptize also the household of Stephanas.

1 Corinthians 1:16

And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:2-4

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away.

Matthew 19:13-15

Children are a gift, and a reward from the Lord.
Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

Psalm 127:3-5

You were washed, you were sanctified.

1 Corinthians 6:11

Jesus sanctifies his bride, cleanses her by the washing of water with the word.

Ephesians 5:26

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

The Spirit is poured upon us from on high.

Isaiah 32:15

I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Isaiah 44:3

I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:29

I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace.

Zechariah 12:10

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Luke 22:19-20

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Colossians 2:11-12

If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

1 Corinthians 7:13-14

For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Romans 2:28-29

For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring.

Romans 9:6-7

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Benediction

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