

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day
February 27, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber

Blessed Assurance
Arranged by Phillip Keveren

Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-2

The Invocation

***Hymn of Praise 295**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

The Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; he was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Song of Praise**

Christ Will Be My Hideaway

I will dwell within the shelter
Of the God who reigns above.

I will rest beneath the shadow
Of the mighty King of love.

Though a sickness hides in darkness,
Though a plague destroys by day,
I will stand upon his promises,
Christ will be my hideaway.

Chorus

In you, my God, I trust.
You are strong and here with us.
In you, my hope remains.
Christ will be my hideaway.

Angels gather to protect me
When they hear my Savior call
Sovereign hands are ever ready
To uphold me should I fall.
Safe beneath his wings of refuge
All my fears are kept at bay.
I am shielded by his faithfulness,
Christ will be my hideaway. (*Chorus*)

Though a thousand fall around me,
Though death looks me in the eye,
Evil shall not have the vict'ry
While the Lord is at my side.
God in power raised my Savior,
I no longer fear the grave,
God in power raised my Savior,
I no longer fear the grave,
Through this fragile life and evermore,
Christ will be my hideaway. (*Repeat Chorus 2x*)

The Lord's Prayer / Pastoral 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.

Offertory: Mr. Dick Forrester

*People Need the Lord
By Steve Green*

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sermon Series: Romans: Gospel Partnership Sermon Text: Romans 6:12-19 (ESV) Sermon Title: Who Do You Belong To?

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 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.

Romans 6 is all about our new life in Christ. Using the paradigm of a new exodus, a gospel exodus, Paul is showing the Roman Christians how they have been set free from sin and have entered a new life, with new freedoms and a new framework for living. This new framework is a new lordship, with a new belonging, no longer being enslaved to the realm of sin, but instead being a bondservant of righteousness.

Paul sums up this framework in v.14 when he declared, “*For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*” But what does this look like in daily life? How do we live this reality? Why does being under grace not lead to us just doing anything we want?

In this section Paul gives us two answers to this question. Being positionally under grace does not lead to a life of sin because:

- I. The Lordship Principle
- II. The Gospel Transformation Purpose

Reflection

“At the root of all our visible sins lies the invisible struggle for righteousness and identity. In other words, we never outgrow the gospel. As we realize our tendencies toward pretending and performing – our attempts to build our own righteousness and identity – we must repent of sin and believe anew in the promises of the gospel. This is the consistent pattern of the Christian life: repentance and faith, repentance and faith, repentance and faith. As we walk this way, the gospel will take root more deeply in our souls, and Jesus and his cross will become “bigger” in the day-to-day reality of our lives.” (Robert H. Thune and Will Walker, *The Gospel-Centered Life*)

***Hymn 498**

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Chorus

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (*Chorus*)

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. (*Chorus*)

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'er-takes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry. (*Chorus*)

Jesus! I do now receive him,
More than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine. (*Chorus*)

***The Benediction**

Postlude