

Sermon Notes

"Beginning with the Gospel"
Galatians 1:1-5

1. Every Christian Must Recognize the Gospel's Authority (vv.1-2)
2. Every Christian Must Receive the Gospel's Message (vv.3-4a)
3. Every Christian Must Rejoice in the Gospel's Purpose (vv. 4b-5)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Will Jenkins, and Ryan Webb

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO the family of Barbara Schwan who died on January 6. A private committal is planned for the family.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to all those who gave their time ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. It was a wonderful way to share God's love and help for those in need. Please know how much you are appreciated. *Sincerely, Brian and Lyn Nash*

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: TOM AND JANE (Last name withheld for security purposes.)

Tom and Jane labor in a sensitive area in North Africa where they and their teammates are engaged in micro business enterprise startups, which are critical to help bolster their host country's economy and as a means of reaching Muslims for Christ. Be in prayer for their team as they work on translating a gospel-centered discipleship resource into Arabic that the Lord would guide their work in unity and fruitfulness. Also praise for Tom's recent heart catheterization that revealed no blockages as well as prayers for a good report with Tom's follow up visit with his cardiologist on January 11.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at www.rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Visitors, whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Connect Card on our website at rivermont.org/connect.

Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Visit www.rivermont.org/zoom to find Adult Online Discipleship groups.
- Attend a Sunday School class via Zoom at 9:30 am between worship services.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Sign-up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833, follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, January 10

- 8:00 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, January 11

- 9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, January 12

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, January 13

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (Chapel)
- 5:15 pm Carillon (Chapel)
- 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:15 pm New Song (Room 301)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 14

- 10:00 am Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Administrative Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

Sunday, January 17

- 8:00 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

January 10, 2021

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty and dear Father, Who has given Your only Son to be both the sacrifice for our sin and the example of the godly life to which You have called us: grant us grace, we pray, that we may truly and thankfully trust in Jesus as our Savior, and also daily endeavor to follow in the steps of His most holy life, obeying Him as Lord, by the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"More Precious Than Silver"

DeShazo, arr. Bettcher

Lord, You are more precious than silver,
Lord, You are more costly than gold;
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the LORD!

For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

In Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

The LORD is the strength of His people;

He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage!

Be their Shepherd and carry them forever.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:8,10-12

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (vs. 1)

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sand!

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Galatians 1:1-5

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Beginning with the Gospel"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end! A—men, A—men!

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison):

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.

(11:00) THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"If You Search With All Your Heart"

(Based on Jeremiah 29:11-14)

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil;

Plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.

I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Dear Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You, with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your Church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*(PLEASE WAIT FOR ROW-BY-ROW DISMISSAL BY THE USHERS)

*POSTLUDE:

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

Smith, arr. Bettcher

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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