

Sermon Notes

"Dying to Live"
Galatians 2:17-21

1. Every Christian Must Die to the Law (vv. 17-19)
2. Every Christian Must Die with Christ (v. 20a)
3. Every Christian Must Live by Faith in Christ (v. 20b-21)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Will Jenkins, Donna Lou Snyder and Ryan Webb

CONGRATULATIONS TO Nathaniel and Haley Bettcher in the birth of Elizabeth Grace, on February 25. Proud Grandparents are Wes and Peggy Bettcher.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO the family and friends of Barbara Cotton who died on February 22. A memorial service is planned for Monday, March 1, at 12 pm in the REPC Sanctuary.

IN APPRECIATION: *THANK YOU! You have no idea how big of a gift the Operation Caregiver has been. I have been so overwhelmed by the support from REPC even when I am often unable to be present because of work. This has been a tough season for everyone. So many people have lost so much and will continue to grieve their losses of family members, jobs, community, and more. I am so grateful to have a church that mobilizes to meet needs practically and generously. Thanks for everything you are doing! - Grace Eaton*

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Phil and Catherine Leckrone, SIL/JAARS
The organization Jungle Aviation and Radio Services (JAARS) seeks to make Bible translation possible, particularly in remote regions, through the development of transportation, technology, media, and training. Phil's work is primarily in the typesetting field though he was also responsible for developing the software, Paratext, that translators use to translate the Scriptures. Despite the pandemic, Phil was able to typeset just under 4,000 pages of Scriptures including the Yupik New Testament in Cyrillic (Phil's first project in a non-Roman script) as well as a Large Print version of the K'ekchi' Bible which is one of the most well-used Scriptures in Guatemala and all of Latin America. Praise God for the skills used to get God's Word into the hands and hearts of those who don't have it.

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer via Zoom on Tuesday, March 2 at 12 pm as we set aside this day for fasting and praying for the Church.

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 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.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend on March 12-13. Learn more at 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, February 28

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 College Hour
9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, March 1

9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Memorial Service for Barbara Cotton

Tuesday, March 2

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
10:30 am Circle Meeting (Quinlan)
12:00 pm Monthly Fasting and Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Tuesday, March 2 continued

4:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (via Zoom)
5:00 pm Relational Discipleship (via Zoom)

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 am Preschool
5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
5:15 pm New Song (Room 301)
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group (Youth Center)
7:00 pm Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)

Thursday, March 4

10:00 am Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)

Sunday, March 7

8:00 am Worship Service with Communion
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School
9:45 am Communion with the Pastors
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
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

February 28, 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:

Holy Father, Whose only-begotten Son endured the cross for our salvation: grant us grace, and the power of the Holy Spirit, that we in true faith might take up our cross daily and follow Him. In this hour of worship, replenish our souls, renew our minds, and refresh our spirits, so that we may run with endurance the race that is set before us. And not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Adelheid Terry, piano

"Be Still, My Soul"

Sibelius, arr. McDonald

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend

Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

JOANNA

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 53:5; Colossians 1:14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (verses 3&4)

TOPLADY

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**

*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 2:17-21

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Dying to Live"

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:

"Praise and Glory to the Father"

REGENT SQUARE

**Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!**

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.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:00)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Sanctuary Choir

Kathleen Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the

Way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

(11:00)

"I Want to Be Like Jesus"

Chapel Choir

Cindy Berry

I want to be like Jesus because I love Him so.

I want to share His love, so that others will know.

My Savior and Redeemer, my example is He.

I want to be like Jesus. I want to be kind, obedient and faithful.

I want to forgive as He forgives. He gave His life at Calvary,

Now I want to live for Him.

I want to be like Jesus in ev'rything I do.

I want to be a friend who is caring and true.

Oh, how I love Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

"Celebrate Today!"

Dennis and Nan Allen

Celebrate today, the day God gave us; celebrate today with sounds of praises,

Celebrate today for God has made us to celebrate today, this day He has made.

Now is the time to sing and rejoice, no better time to praise the Lord.

Now is the day the Lord created, the most perfect time to celebrate!

Lori Flowers – Director; Charis Jantomaso - Accompanist

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we praise You for Your providence above, around, beneath and within our lives! We thank You for every good and perfect gift which we have received from Your all-gracious hand. We rejoice in Your unfailing faithfulness and unchanging goodness. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May Your kingdom increase in our lives, in Your church, and throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found)"

IN CHRIST ALONE

*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:

"Credo"

Haydn, arr. Schaum

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