



I. SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:15-22:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

II. WORSHIP IN SONG

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:

Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

“It Is Well”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul!**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

“What Is Our Only Hope In Life and Death?” NCC Q. 1 Song (optional kids song)

What is our only hope in life and death?
That we are not our own, but belong to God
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II. PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Read: Isaiah 64:6

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Pray:

Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone
We have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We
have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts,
and by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us, most merciful Father;
and free us from our sin.

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

IV. KIDS LESSON

(Optional, after which parents can listen to full sermon)

Option 1: Read from Jesus Storybook Bible, “The Captain of the Storm” (from Mark 4 & Matthew 8)

Option 2: Read - Review NCC catechism: Question 37

Q: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

A: 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.

Ephesians 6:17–18: And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

Option 3: video lesson. Link provided.

V. SERMON

Listen: “Psalm 2: The Good News That Jesus Reigns”

Available at www.redeemerbf.com/sermons

Outline

I. Jesus is our opposed king (vv. 1-3)

II. Jesus is our unshaken king (vv. 4-6)

III. Jesus is our sovereign king (vv. 7-10)

IV. Jesus is our gracious king (vv. 10-12)

Questions for discussion and reflection throughout the week

- ✦ As followers of Christ, we have a framework for understanding why the world is such a broken place. How should that fact shape how we react to and endure suffering and calamity?
- ✦ How does Jesus’ sovereignty give us hope in uncertain times?
- ✦ How can we encourage and remind each other of this good news (even when we’re not able to meet physically)?
- ✦ How can we sacrificially love and serve our city in this season?

VI. PRAYER

Use the subjects below as you pray this morning and throughout the week:

- ✧ Praise God for his kindness in Christ - he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness.
- ✧ Thank God for his provision - he gives us our daily bread.
- ✧ Pray for other members of the body by name - ask the Lord to strengthen them in knowing the love of Jesus and loving the Lord with their whole heart.
- ✧ Pray for members of the body to be a gracious and faithful witness to the gospel in word and deed for their family and neighbors.
- ✧ Pray for your family and neighbors by name that they would know Christ and be secure in confident hope of his redemption.

Optional: "Casting My Burdens On Jesus"

(Robert Hawker, from Piercing Heaven: Prayers of the Puritans, 104-105)

Most blessed God and Father! I bless you, I praise you, and I desire to love you, in and through Jesus.

And while my whole soul benefits and enjoys the person and work of Jesus, keep me always mindful that it is you, most gracious and almighty Father, that have made him most blessed forever. Your glory is great in his salvation! And the glory of the Son of God is great in your salvation!

Yes, blessed Jesus, I would cast all upon you: sins, sorrows, trials, and temptations. You are the Almighty Sin-bearer of your people, for the Lord Jehovah has laid on you the iniquity of us all.

And as you bear all our sins, so you carry all our sorrows. And do you not bear every one of your redeemed? Do you not bear all our troubles, temptations, trials, and difficulties? The government is upon your shoulder. The care of the church is all with you.

So will I not cast all my care upon you? Will I worry about many things, while Jesus says, "Cast your burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain you?"

Lord give me grace to let loose all things, and to leave all things with you. Lord, bear me up when I am falling, support me when I am weak, uphold me against all my enemies, carry me safe through a life of grace here. And, finally, bring me home to your glory, to behold you, and dwell with you forever, amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MARCH & APRIL CHURCH SCHEDULE:** We will continue monitoring the developing public health crisis and plan to reconvene worship gatherings and Missional Communities as soon as possible. Until then, regularly check GroupMe and church newsletters for information and updates. Our March Members' Meeting will be postponed until a later date.
- **ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING:** During the month of April, we will be participating in a special season of prayer and giving towards North American church planting through the North American Mission Board. You can learn more about www.anniearmstrong.com.
- **WELCOME & SECURITY TEAM:** We're making an effort to improve both our welcome and the security at our entrance during our Sunday gatherings. If you're available to serve on a monthly rotation for this team, contact Chris Pence at (901) 626-8755.
- **ONLINE GIVING:** If you give on Sunday mornings, this is a great time to set up online giving in place of traditional giving forms. Visit www.redeemberbf.com/give to set up a one-time or recurring offering.

GIVING UPDATE

- **March 2020 budget:** \$24,166
- **March 2020 actual:** \$8,516.57

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