

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Sing the Mighty Power of God #27

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- February birthdays: Thomas Carlyle 5th ; Roseanna McPheeters 13th
 - The upcoming meeting with Pastor Larry Criss scheduled for March 15 has been cancelled for health reasons.
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HYMN

Pass Me Not #235

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

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CLOSING HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour #318

Living Commentary!

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. – Psalm 119:117

We are poor, weak, inconsistent creatures if left but a little to ourselves. When I think how cold, dull and heartless I have been; how often I have wandered, how often trifled upon the brink of temptation; when I consider what powerful, vigilant, and subtle enemies are combined against me; and how many professors have fallen on my right hand and my left – I am amazed at the greatness of His mercy in preserving me! I am a living commentary, that there is forgiveness with Him – and that He is able to save to the uttermost!

- John Newton

This world is merely a place the believer is passing through. We are strangers to this world and the people of this world are strangers to us because we are children of our Father.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. (1 John 3:1)

- pastor Clay Curtis

Looking Unto Jesus

It is ever the Holy Spirit's work to turn our eyes away from self to Jesus; but Satan's work is just the opposite of this, for he is constantly trying to make us regard ourselves instead of Christ. He insinuates, 'Your sins are too great for pardon; you have no faith; you do not repent enough; you will never be able to continue to the end; you have not the joy of his children; you have such a wavering hold of Jesus.' All these are thoughts about self, and we shall never find comfort or assurance by looking within. But the Holy Spirit turns our eyes entirely away from self: he tells us that we are nothing, but that 'Christ is all in all.'

Remember, therefore, it is not thy hold of Christ that saves thee—it is Christ; it is not thy joy in Christ that saves thee—it is Christ; it is not even faith in Christ, though that be the instrument—it is Christ's blood and merits; therefore, look not so much to thy hand with which thou art grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to thy hope, but to Jesus, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of thy faith. We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul.

If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by "looking unto Jesus." Keep thine eye simply on him; let his death, his sufferings, his merits, his glories, his intercession, be fresh upon thy mind; when thou wakest in the morning look to him; when thou liest down at night look to him.

Oh! let not thy hopes or fears come between thee and Jesus; follow hard after him, and he will never fail thee.

'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.'

- C.H. Spurgeon

The most important aspect of a believer's life is public worship — the worship of God in the assembly of his saints, collectively singing his praise, calling upon him in prayer, and hearing the exposition of his Word by the preaching of the gospel.

-Don Fortner

