

Memory Verse for March 7, 2010
Romans 8:1-19

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. **12** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" **16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

The Lord's Day
February 28, 2010
Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.



The prelude signals the congregation to prepare quietly for worship.
Please disable electronic devices to prevent disruption.
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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Silent Prayer**

Father, if it is true that I am redeemed from misery by the blood of Jesus your Son, and if you are now preparing for me a mansion with you in heaven, that I may drink of the rivers of your joy for all eternity, the question is not, "How may I pass through life with the least inconvenience?" but rather, "How may my little span of life be made most subservient to the praise and glory of him who loved me, and gave himself for me?" Father, please hear my prayers today and give me a heart that embraces whatever you have for me, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Adapted from a letter by John Newton (1725—1807)

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:1-4 (Responsive)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

For his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever!"

Let the house of Aaron say,

"His steadfast love endures forever!"

Let those who fear the LORD say,

"His steadfast love endures forever!"

***Hymn of Praise**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

†Confession of Sin

O Lord, eternity is Yours, so You cannot be ignorant of what we tell You. By confessing our own miserable state to You and acknowledging Your mercy towards us we open our hearts to You, so that You may free us wholly, as You have already begun to do; so we may cease to be wretched in ourselves and may find our happiness in You. Therefore, we acknowledge our sin before You. In how many ways have we failed You, Our Lord? O Lord, the depths of our conscience lie bare before your eyes. Could anything of ours remain hidden from You, even if we refused to confess it? We should only be shielding our eyes from seeing You, not hiding ourselves from You. For You have called us to be poor in spirit, meek, hungry and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers. Forgive us for every failure to be what You have called us to be, what the Lord Christ saved us to be, and what we ourselves, in our hearts desire to be for Your sake. Forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

*Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

*Hymn of Faith in Christ

“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 ev'ry 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 pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

—Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; (Alleluia).
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Alleluia). Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jude 1-4

Sermon

“Glorify and Contend”
Rev Jerid Krulish

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

You are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a member or adherent of this or some other congregation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you these prayers for your use during the time of the Lord's Supper.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and my turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your spirit. Amen.

Supper Hymn

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

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Reading of Scripture

1 Timothy 6:2c-10

Luke 13:22-29

***Closing Hymn**

"As One in Christ the Lord"

As one in Christ the Lord his glories here proclaim,
Exalt his holy Word, his everlasting Name:
Let love and praise unite our pow'rs
For we are Christ's and Christ is ours.

On him our hope is set, whose cross is strong to save;
Nor shall our hearts forget that empty Easter grave:
With him we rise, our sins forgiv'n,
To share with him the life of heav'n.

Be ours to use aright the gifts of thought and mind,
In Scripture take delight, and God's approval find:
Till through the Spirit and the Word
There stands revealed the living Lord.

Whom Jesus calls he sends,
To make his mercies known:
Ambassadors and friends, the heralds of his throne.
His word of truth and life declare:
With all the world his gospel share.

To follow Christ our aim, in him to stand complete,
That all may hear his Name and bow before his feet:
The faith to keep, the race to run,
And hear at last the Lord's "Well done!"

Benediction

†Silent Prayer

O Lord our never failing Help, keep us under Your merciful protection, and make us always to fear and love Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude

