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JULY 12, 2020

Psalm

WORSHIP IN



REAL LIFE

A SPECIAL SERMON SERIES

welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

calendar

- Need info? Trouble logging in? E-mail info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org
- Sundays 9:30am - Livestream Worship Service - Facebook live
- Mondays 7:00pm - Care Group - Main Sanctuary
- Wednesdays - Men's Bible Study - 7am via Zoom
- Thursdays - Sunday Preview and Prayer with Pastor Mike - FB/Instagram
- Fridays - Women's Ministry Minute - FB/Instagram

- Ben Brophy and Family - Assoc Pastor Candidate Weekend - July 17-19
- Visit the Ben info page and submit a question! www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources then click on "Who is Ben Brophy?"

finances

General Offering - May '20	\$23,876.85
Designated Gifts - May'20	\$1,251.50
YTD General Offering thru May '20	\$108,411.59
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

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worship guide

July 12, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Psalm 32. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

[Romans 4:7-8 ESV]

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Consider what the average American would say how they can be happy - what would they say?
- Why is sin so offensive to God? Is it offensive to us?
- How can God work for our good in the conviction of sin? Have you ever had any experience that you can share?
- How do you confess to God? How do you confess to others?
- Do you have an urgency in confessing sin to God and others? Why or why not?
- What does a lack of urgency in dealing with sin say about our view of God?
- How do we cultivate a more balanced view of God?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Titus 2:11-15 [Ben Brophy]

SING

How Firm a Foundation | Because He Lives | Christ is Mine Forevermore
| O Great God | His Mercy is More

sermon notes

July 12, 2020

PSALM 32

Sin and Confession

1. How to Be Happy [32:1-5; Romans 4:7-8; 1 John 1:9]

Confession is the remedy for the guilt of sin.

2. Therefore, Why Wait? [32:6-11]

Big Idea: God doesn't need to be coerced to forgive, we need to be compelled to confess.

How Firm a Foundation

Verse 1

**How firm a foundation
Ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith
In His excellent word**

**What more can He say
Than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge
To Jesus have fled**

Verse 2

**Fear not I am with thee
O be not dismayed
For I am thy God
I will still give thee aid**

**I'll strengthen thee help thee
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous
Omnipotent hand**

Verse 3

**When through fiery trials
Thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient
Shall be thy supply**

**The flames shall not hurt
Thee I only design
Thy dross to consume
And thy gold to refine**

Verse 4

**The soul that on Jesus
Hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not
Desert to its foes**

**That soul though all hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never
No never forsake**

**That soul though all hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never
No never forsake**

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Prepared a Place for Me

Verse 1

**Mystery of mysteries
That God would make for me
A place within His family
Though once His enemy**

**The Judge of every sinner
Sent Christ to Calvary
To prepare a place for me**

Chorus 1

**Blessed be blessed be
My God and Savior
You've shown me favor
You prepared a place for me**

Verse 2

**Judgment should be given
For this guilt upon my head
But the Father of all glory
Crushed His Son instead**

**Now I've been adopted
For God made this to be
You prepared a place for me**

Chorus 1

**Blessed be blessed be
My God and Savior
You've shown me favor
You prepared a place for me**

Verse 3

**Father in the moment
When Your Son**

**Shall split the skies
And myriads of angels**

**Acclaim Him with their cries
By grace I will be able
To join the jubilee
You prepared a place for me**

**Chorus 1
Blessed be blessed be
My God and Savior
You've shown me favor
You prepared a place for me**

**Chorus 1
Blessed be blessed be
My God and Savior
You've shown me favor
You prepared a place for me**

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Because He Lives

Verse 1

**I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood.**

Chorus

**Amen, amen,
I'm alive I'm alive
Because He lives.**

**Amen, amen,
Let my song
join the one that never ends
Because He lives.**

Verse 2

**I was dead in the grave,
I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away!**

Chorus

**Amen, amen,
I'm alive I'm alive
Because He lives.**

**Amen amen
Let my song
join the one that never ends,**

Bridge

**Because He lives
I can face tomorrow.**

**Because He lives
Ev'ry fear is gone.**

**I know He holds my life
My future in His hands.**

Chorus

**Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive
Because He lives**

**Amen amen
Let my song
join the one that never ends**

**Amen, amen,
I'm alive I'm alive
Because He lives.**

**Amen, amen,
Let my song
join the one that never ends,**

**Because He lives
Because He lives**

Verse 1

**O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r**

**Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more**

Verse 2

**I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys**

**Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace**

O Great God

Verse 3

**Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face**

**You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me**

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His Mercy is More

VERSE 1

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

VERSE 2

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender,
is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

VERSE 3

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost.

**We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford,
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.**

CHORUS

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

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Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more**

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