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AUGUST 2, 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](mailto: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
  
- Worship Team Meeting - Sunday, August 9th after service
- Baptism Service - Sunday, August 16th. See Pastor Mike if interested!
- Member Meeting - Sunday, September 6th at 6pm

## finances

General Offering - June '20	\$22,768.21
Designated Gifts - June '20	\$919.12
YTD General Offering thru June '20	\$142,310.58
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

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# worship guide

August 2, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Psalm 34. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

[Matthew 22:36-40 ESV]

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about fear - are there good fears and bad fears? Any examples you can think of for each?
- How do we balance fear of God and love? [Hint: see 1 John 4:14-16]
- Are there any other passages you can think of that highlight the fear of God being a good thing?
- How do most people think that you get “the good life?”
- Consider the passage above in context of Matthew 22 - did the Pharisees know the goodness of God? Why or why not? How did that relate to their obsession with obedience to the law? [Hint: Press further into Matthew 23...]
- How can you seek more of the goodness of God? What things bring that more into focus for you?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Philemon

## SING

10,000 Reasons | All Creatures of our God and King | Because He Lives  
| Jesus, Thank You | Yet Not I But Christ Through Me

# sermon notes

August 2, 2020

## PSALM 34

*Fear, Taste, and the Good Life*

1. Testimony [34:1-7; 27:3; 1 John 4:16-18]

**Fearing God above all, drives out all other fears.**

2. Do This [34:8-14; Matthew 22:36-40]

**Big Idea: If we know the goodness of God, it will be seen in the goodness of our lives.**

3. Blessings and Warnings [34:15-22]

**10,000 Reasons**

**Chorus 1**

**Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before**

**O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

**Verse 1**

**The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again**

**Whatever may pass and  
Whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes**

**Chorus 1**

**Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before**

**O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

**Verse 2**

**You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great**

**And Your heart is kind**

**For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find**

**Chorus 1**

**Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

**Verse 3**

**And on that day when  
My strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come**

**Still my soul will sing  
Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore**

**Chorus 1**

**Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

**Chorus 1  
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**All Creatures of our God  
and King**

**Verse 1**

**All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Allelujah!**

**Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!**

**Verse 2**

**Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Allelujah!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!**

**Verse 3**

**All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Allelujah!**

**Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!**

**Verse 4**

**He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Allelujah!**

**Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King,  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Allelujah! Allelujah!**

**O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Allelujah! Allelujah!  
Allelujah!**

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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 hand.**

**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**

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**Jesus, Thank You**

**Verse 1**

**The myst'ry of the cross  
I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary**

**You the perfect Holy One  
Crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup  
Reserved for me**

**Chorus 1**

**Your blood has  
Washed away my sin  
Jesus thank You**

**The Father's wrath  
Completely satisfied  
Jesus thank You**

**Once Your enemy  
Now seated at Your table  
Jesus thank You**

**Verse 2**

**By Your perfect sacrifice  
I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've  
Made Your friend**

**Pouring out the riches  
Of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and  
Your kindness know no end**

**Chorus 1**

**Your blood has  
Washed away my sin  
Jesus thank You**

**The Father's wrath  
Completely satisfied  
Jesus thank You**

**Once Your enemy  
Now seated at Your table  
Jesus thank You**

**Bridge  
Lover of my soul  
I want to live for You**

**Chorus 1  
Your blood has Washed away my sin  
Jesus thank You  
The Father's wrath Completely satisfied  
Jesus thank You**

**Once Your enemy, Now seated at Your table  
Jesus thank You**

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**Yet Not I, But Christ Thru  
Me**

**Verse 1**

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 2**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed**

**To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 3**

**No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave**

**To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

## **Verse 4**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

## **Ending**

**When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

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