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August 9, 2020

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO
PHILEMON

son of Jē'sus Christ,
by our brother, unto
dearly beloved, and

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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 - ZOOM
- 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 - TODAY after service
- Baptism Service - Sunday, August 16th. See Pastor Mike if interested!
- Member Meeting - Sunday, September 6th at 6pm

finances

General Offering - July '20	\$17,938.45
Designated Gifts - July '20	\$649.97
YTD General Offering thru July '20	\$156,323.83
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

August 9, 2020

One of our Elders, Paul Fehrenbacher, will be preaching today from the book of Philemon. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

[Ephesians 4:32 ESV]

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Paul is in prison but calls himself a “prisoner of Christ” What would it look like for us to be prisoners for the gospel? Read Phil 1, vs 13 and Eph 3 vs 1. Discuss Romans 8 vs 28 in light of the above.
- What should be the primary mark of a Christian? Some scriptures to look at: Col 3 vs 13, Eph 4 vs 32, Mark 11 vs 25, Luke 17 vs 4
- What does Philemon vs 17-19 depict?
- In Philemon, vs 10 & 11, Paul sends back Onesimus to Philemon. Discuss how both may have felt over this.
- What good things does our forgiveness promote?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Psalm 35

SING

Lord Most High | I Lift My Eyes Up | All the Poor and Powerless |
Cornerstone | Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

sermon notes

August 9, 2020

PHILEMON

Mission: Forgiveness

1. **One of the clearest marks of saving faith is the ability to forgive others.**
 2. **The scripture commands us to forgive.**
 3. **Unforgiveness breaks our fellowship with the Lord.**
 4. **We model the forgiveness of Christ through the act of forgiving each other.**
- Big Idea: You are never more like Christ than when you forgive.**

Lord Most High

Verse 1

**From the ends of the earth (ECHO)
From the depths of the sea (ECHO)
From the heights of the heavens (ECHO)
Your name be praised**

**From the hearts of the weak (ECHO)
From the shouts of the strong (ECHO)
From the lips of all people (ECHO)
This song we raise Lord**

Chorus 1

**Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises
Lord Most High**

**Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord Most High be magnified**

Words and music by Don Harris; Gary Sadler. 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music [DC Cook])

I Lift My Eyes Up

VERSE 1

**I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, Maker of Heaven,
Creator of the earth.**

CHORUS

**O how I need You Lord,
You are my only hope;
You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for You to come and rescue me,
Come and give me life
(Psalm 121)**

Words and Music by Brian Doerksen. 1990 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)); Vineyard Songs Canada (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook))

Verse 1

**All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
All the thieves will come confess
And know that you are holy
Will know that you are holy**

**All the Poor and
Powerless**

Chorus 1

**All will sing out, Hallelujah
We will cry out, Hallelujah**

Verse 2

**All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
All who hurt will nothing left
Will know that you are holy**

Chorus

**All will sing out, Hallelujah
We will cry out, Hallelujah**

Bridge

**Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God**

Chorus

**All will sing out, Hallelujah
We will cry out, Hallelujah**

David Leonard; Leslie Jordan. 2011 Integrity's Alleluia! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)); Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook))

Cornerstone

Verse 1

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name**

Verse 1

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name**

Chorus 1

**Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all**

Verse 3

**When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil**

Chorus 1

**Christ alone, Cornerstone
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Chorus 1

Christ alone, Cornerstone

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Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus 1

Christ alone, Cornerstone

Weak made strong

In the Savior's love

Through the storm

He is Lord, Lord of all

Words and Music by William Batchelder Bradbury, Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan, Edward Mote, and Jonas Myrin. 2011 Hillsong Music Publishing

**Yet Not I But Through
Christ In 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**

Jonny Robinson; Michael Farren; Rich Thompson. 2018 CityAlight Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)); Farren Love And War Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)); Integrity's Alleluia! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook))