

October 29, 2023

It is not the strength of your faith that saves you, but the strength of Him upon whom you rely! Christ is able to save you if you come to Him – be your faith weak or be it strong.

– C. H. Spurgeon

Reformation Sunday: Christ, the Anchor of Assurance

Scripture for Meditation

Hebrews 6:19, 20

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

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Call to Worship

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them,
abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us
sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

Words and music by Martin Luther, 1483-1546, alt. tune
Translation by Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890

Sola Scriptura—Scripture Alone

Reformation Hymn

We will trust God's Word alone, where His perfect will is
known;
Our traditions shift like sand while His Truth forever stands.
We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ and His finished sacrifice.

Chorus:

*Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church He redeemed and made His own.
He has freed us, He will keep us till we're safely home,
Glory be, glory be to God alone!*

We are saved by grace alone—undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.
We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar, still he reigns forevermore!

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Solus Christus—Christ Alone

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

John 17:6–23

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one,

so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have
all been torn,
In the suffering, in the sorrow when my sinking hopes are few;
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has
won;
Deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of
unbelief,
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now lift your eyes to calvary.
This my ballast of assurance – see His love forever proved.

I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death;
When these trials give way to glory and we draw our final
breath,
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure;
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure.

Tag:

Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly
about your sin and your need for a Savior.

Sola Fide—Faith Alone

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 1:16, 17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God
for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also
to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed
from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by
faith.”

Response: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 28: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

Answer: **We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.**

Sola Gratia—Grace Alone

Boldly I Approach

By grace alone somehow I stand
Where even angels fear to tread,
Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above;
He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands
Into His everlasting arms.

When condemnation grips my heart
And Satan tempts me to despair,
I hear the voice that scatters fear;
The Great I Am the Lord is here.
Oh praise the One who fights for me

And shields my soul eternally.

Refrain:

*Boldly I approach Your throne;
Blameless now I'm running home.
By Your blood I come,
Welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty.*

Behold the bright and risen Son,
More beauty than this world has known;
I'm face to face with Love Himself,
His perfect spotless righteousness.
A thousand years, a thousand tongues
Are not enough to sing His praise.

Refrain

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Soli Deo Gloria— The Glory of God Alone

Dismissal for Children

During this next song, children ages 3 – K5 may be dismissed for children's classes downstairs.

Romans Doxology

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How unsearchable are His ways.
How profound are his judgments, so high above our thoughts,

And His pathways no man can trace.

Refrain:

*For from him and through him, and to Him are all things,
To Him be glory forevermore. To him be glory forever.
Amen! Amen! Amen!*

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How magnificent are His ways.
Who has been His advisor and who has counseled Him,
All He gives us who can repay.

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How immeasurable is His grace.
How unfailing His kindness, so far removed His wrath,
And His mercies are new each day.

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Ministry of the Word

Sunday Service Times

9:15 am Family Bible Time
10:00 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:45 am Corporate Worship Service

*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com.

Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

Ministers

The congregation at large

Pastors

Jonathan Bastoni
Brad Baugham
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