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There is an admirable conjunction of diverse excellencies in Jesus Christ. There do we meet in Jesus Christ infinite highness and infinite humility. He is higher than the kings of the earth for He is King of kings and Lord of lords. So great is He that all men, kings, and princes are as worms of the dust before Him. . . . And yet . . . none are so low or inferior, but Christ's condescension is sufficient to take a gracious notice of them. His condescension is great enough to become our friend, to become our companion, to unite our souls to Him in spiritual union, to take our nature upon Him, to become one of us, that He may be one with us.

– Jonathan Edwards

The Love of Christ

Scripture for Meditation

Revelation 2:3, 4a

I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.

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Hymn of Love

O Church, Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,

That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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Offertory Hymn of Petition

More Love to Thee, O Christ

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best:
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;
Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise,

This still its prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Acts 19:1, 8–20

And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. . . . And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus.

This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” And the man in

whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.

And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Pardon

See the Destined Day Arise

*"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor
and glory and might forever and ever!" Revelation 5:13*



1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a will - ing sac - ri - fice!
2. Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sac - ri - fice to place



Je - sus, to re - deem our loss, hangs up - on the shame - ful cross.
and with ten - der bod - y bear thorns and nails and pierc - ing spear?
all our trust for life re - newed, par - doned sin and prom - ised good.



Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and jus - tice fair?
Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, min - gled from Your side with blood;
Grant us grace to sing Your praise 'round Your throne through end - less days,



Eve - ry pang and bit - ter throe, fin - ish - ing Your life of woe!
sign to all at - test - ing eyes of the fin - ished sac - ri - fice.
ev - er with the sons of light: "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, might!"

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise Your name!

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Dismissal for Children

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

Hymn of Dependence

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart;
You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus:

*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You; every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more;
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

Bridge:

Teach my song to rise to You,
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay!

Chorus

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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

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