

Sunday, May 10, 2020

■ **Welcome / Catechism with Scripture / Call to Worship**

■ **“Receive The Glory”** Music and words by Bob Kauffman © 2004 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

Not to us, but to your name alone Be all the glory, the glory forever For your faithfulness and steadfast love Receive the glory, the glory Belongs to you.

All that we've accomplished you have done for us
And any fruit we harvest is a gift from your hand We are only jars of clay That hold a priceless treasure And we exist to bring you pleasure, O God

Only by your mercy can we come to you Though we deserved your judgment You have called us by name
So we glory in the cross of Christ That made us yours forever
That joined our lives together to sing

■ **“His Mercy Is More”**

Words and music by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell © 2016 Common Hymnal Publishing CCLI #801260

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

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

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

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

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper**

■ **“Nothing But the Blood”**Hymn 195

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; For my cleansing, this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

■ **“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”**

by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren © 2018 CityAlight Music CCLI #801260

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

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

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

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!

■ **Message** - John 1:19-28 – “Point Them to Jesus” - Scott

■ **Closing Song - “In Christ Alone”**

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend ©2001Kingsway'sThankyou Music CCLI #801260

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. ‘Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; 'til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

“Point Them to Jesus”

(John 1:19-28)

Jesus public ministry begins with John the Baptist in all four Gospels
(Mt 3:1-12 ; Mk 1:1-8 ; Lk 3:1-22 ; Jn 1:19-28)

- I. Whenever we bear witness to Christ, they'll wonder _____
v19-23
(1) John makes clear, He is not the _____
(2) Are you Elijah? 2 Kg 2 ; Mal 4:5 ; Lk 1:17 ; Mk 9:11
(3) Are you the Prophet? Dt 18:15
(4) Who? A voice calling in the wilderness Isa 40:3-5
- II. When we call people to repentance, many will be _____
vv24-25
- Pharisees
 - It's the _____ that has offended them
 - Mt 3:7-10
- This message will _____ offensive!
- III. Our calling is to make _____ of ourselves and point them to _____
vv 26-27
- It's not about the _____!
 - It's about the one who is coming! Mt 3:11
- They were looking in the wrong place!
It's all about Christ! We must keep the focus on Him
v28 -

This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing

Scripture! Each week's '***Fighter Verse***' is meant to help you “fight the good fight” of faith. This year's fighter verses will relate to each week's Catechism question. Memorize it in the translation of your choice as part of your arsenal to help you stand firm against the enemy.

Isaiah 53:10-11

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

This week's Catechism #19

Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

Next week's Catechism # 20

Who is the Redeemer?

The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

Easter Missions Offering Opportunities

- Giving for the spread of the Gospel through supporting Savannah Weber to be on staff with Rio Grande Bible Ministries in Texas
- Giving for the spread of the Gospel through the North American Mission Board (Annie Armstrong Missions Offering)
- Giving for the spread of the Gospel through the Jail Ministry

A Word from Pastor Scott:

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*“As I remember your tears, I long to see you,
that I may be filled with joy”*

2 Timothy 1:4

Perhaps more than ever before, I think I can understand something of what Paul was feeling when he wrote these words to Timothy! To say that I have missed gathering in person with each of you to worship the Lord would be a huge understatement! I have truly been longing for this day! In the words of a popular song from my high school days we are “reunited and it feels so good!”

But then I have to remember that our reunion is not yet complete! There are many in our congregation who would like to be here with us today, but for one reason or another cannot! There are those who’s health makes them more vulnerable to the virus and so need to remain at home. There are others for whom the current restrictions make returning too difficult. They, too, are a vital but missing part of our church family. So we won’t really be reunited in full until we can all come together again! That’s what I truly long for!

But, of course, longing is good! You only long for that which you love and can’t yet have! That’s something every Christian can understand. Even though we’ve had the joy of meeting together week after week in better times, still we know we are not complete! For though our Lord Jesus truly is among us when we gather in His Spirit, still we long to see him to face! As Paul says in 1 Cor 13:12, “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.”

So let’s continue to long for the day when all restrictions are lifted and we can finally all meet in person to celebrate the Lord’s presence! But then even more, let’s continue to long for that Day – that wonderful, coming Day – when we will finally meet Him face to face! And so shall we ever be with the Lord!

Looking forward to that Day above all!

With love to you all!

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - May 10

Live	9 AM
Livestream	11 AM

WEDNESDAY - May 13

Final D-Group Meeting of this session (at Rockport and on Zoom)	7:00 PM
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Prayerfully consider Rockport’s Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,284.00
April Weekly Average.....	\$4,987.71

Announcements

■ Next week’s worship format will be pretty much like this week. Two services, one at 9 and another at 11 with social distancing rules in place. But stay tuned since we will be evaluating things week to week. Live stream will be at 11 next week as well

■ Wednesday, May 13 at 7 PM, pastor Scott will be having a final D-Group meeting in person at Rockport for those who’d like to join, as well as via Zoom. If your group is not meeting, please plan to join in

■ Family Camp - September 24-27