

April 24, 2022

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”**

Words by Samuel Stennett. Music by Christopher Miner ©1997 Christopher Miner Music CCLI #801260

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

**I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)**

**I am bound for promised land,**

**I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)**

**I am bound for promised land.**

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that  
healthful shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father’s face, And in His bosom rest?

■ **Scripture** - Ephesians 5:15-33

■ **“The Sands of Time Are Sinking”**

Words by Anne Ross Cousin, 1857, Music by Constance Dever. © 2014 Praise Factory Music CCLI #801260

The sands of time are sinking, The dawn of Heaven breaks,  
The summer morn I’ve sighed for, The fair sweet morn awakes:  
Dark, dark hath been the midnight, But dayspring is at hand, And  
glory, glory dwelleth In Immanuel’s land.

The King there in His beauty, Without a veil, is seen:  
It were a well-spent journey, Though se’en deaths lay between; The  
Lamb, with His fair army, Doth on Mount Zion stand; And glory, glory  
dwelleth In Immanuel’s land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain, The deep sweet well of love;  
The streams on earth I’ve tasted, More deep I’ll drink above: There,  
to an ocean fulness, His mercy doth expand, And glory, glory  
dwelleth In Immanuel’s land.

With mercy and with judgment My web of time He wove,  
And always dewes of sorrow Were lustered with His love.  
I’ll bless the hand that guided, I’ll bless the heart that planned,  
When throned where glory dwelleth In Immanuel’s land.

Oh! I am my Beloved’s, And my Beloved’s mine! He brings a  
poor vile sinner Into His “house of wine.” I stand upon His merit, I  
know no other stand, Not e’en where glory dwelleth In Immanuel’s  
land!

The bride eyes not her garment, But her dear Bridegroom’s  
face; I will not gaze at glory, But on my King of Grace— Not at the  
crown He giveth, But on His pierced hand: The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Immanuel’s land.

■ **Confession / Lord’s Supper -**

■ **“Let Your Kingdom Come”**

Words and Music by Bob Kauflin © 2006 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts May Jesus Christ  
be known wherever we are We ask not for ourselves, but for Your  
renown The cross has saved us so we pray Your kingdom come

**Let Your kingdom come Let Your will be done So that  
everyone might know Your Name Let Your song be heard  
everywhere on earth Till Your sovereign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come**

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test By grace we’ll preach  
Your gospel Till our dying breath

■ **“Be Thou My Vision”** .....Hymn 382

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to  
me, save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by  
night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word I ever with  
Thee and Thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight Be Thou my  
Dignity, Thou my Delight. Thou my soul’s Shelter, Thou my High  
Tower. Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise Thou mine  
Inheritance, now and always Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won May I reach heaven’s  
joys, O bright heaven’s Sun Heart of my own heart, whatever  
befall Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

■ **Message** –“Patient Perseverance in Waiting for the Parousia”

- (James 5:7-11) - Jason Woelm

■ **Closing Hymn - “For All The Saints”**

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For all the saints, who from their labors rest, To Thee by faith  
before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou,  
Lord, their captain in the well fought fight; Thou in the darkness  
drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints  
who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor’s crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to

faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### ■ Benediction

#### How to Join Rockport Baptist Church

We as a church are committed to the biblical teaching that church membership is for believers in Christ who voluntarily band together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit for worship, fellowship and service. We therefore require the following:

- (1) A credible profession of faith in Christ for salvation  
(Romans 10:9-10)
- (2) Obedience to Christ through water baptism  
(Matthew 28:18-20)
- (3) A willing commitment to the basic beliefs and practices of this church as evidenced in our Confession of Faith and Church Covenant (available upon request)

Those who are interested in seeking membership are asked to make this known to Pastor Scott and/or an Elder who will provide a copy of our Petition for Membership and explain the process.

#### Why Should I Be Baptized?

Baptism is commanded by Christ (Matthew 28:18-20) for all those who would follow Him as disciples. It is a picture on the outside of what Christ does on the inside of all those who come to Him by faith. As Paul declares in Romans 6:4, "We are buried with Him through baptism into death, and raised to walk in newness of life." Baptism, therefore symbolizes our new life in Christ as believers. It is a public declaration that my old life is dead and I now belong to him. As such, it is the first act of obedience for all who would profess their faith in Him for salvation. If you have placed your faith in Christ and need to follow through with believer's baptism, please contact Pastor Scott.

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Kurt Boehm	Herman Meyer
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#### Worship Leaders

Stuart McMillian  
Luke McAllister

**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 week's verse is one every Christian should know in order to share the hope of the Gospel with others!

**James 5:8**

You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

"Patient Perseverance in Waiting for the Parousia"  
(James 5:7-11)

- I. We patiently persevere in the midst of suffering, for the Lord's coming (Parousia) is \_\_\_\_\_ (5:7-8).
  - A. Behold #1: The farmer patiently waits for the fruit (v. 7).
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts – He can come at any moment (v. 8)!
  
- II. In our patient perseverance, we must not \_\_\_\_\_ against one another, for the Judge is at the door (5:9).
  - A. An ever-present \_\_\_\_\_: to turn against one another.
  - B. Behold #2: The \_\_\_\_\_ is standing at the door (v. 9).
  - C. How can we fight this grumbling? Access His grace through humility (James 4:6-10).
  
- III. Behold #3: Those who patiently persevere until the Lord comes are \_\_\_\_\_ (5:10-11).
  - A. First example: the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10; cf. Mt. 5:11-12; Heb. 11:35b-40)
  - B. Second example: Job (v. 11)
    - 1. Job suffered greatly, but he never \_\_\_\_\_ God (Job 1:20-22; Job 2:9-10).
    - 2. The Lord's goal with Job: to restore and \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 42).
    - 3. This demonstrated God's compassion and mercy (v. 11; cf. Ex. 34:6, Ps. 86:15; Ps. 103:8; Joel 2:13).
    - 4) Jesus extends this promise to \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 19:23-29)

"Our Lord, come!" – 1 Cor. 16:22b (ESV)

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - April 24

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM

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#### Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,506.00
March Weekly Average.....	\$6,621.96

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Today's Nursery - Jennifer McMillian & Kimberly Fels

Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, May 1** - First Sunday Fellowship - Bring food to share
- **Sunday, May 1** - Our Semi-annual congregational meeting will be Sunday May 1 following the fellowship meal. We'll be talking about next steps as we think about our building and our need for space.
- **Wednesday, May 4** - Congregational Prayer Meeting at 7 PM
- **Refit Exercise Class Tuesdays at 1 PM** at Rockport.  
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information  
[susanjj1966@gmail.com](mailto:susanjj1966@gmail.com) or (636) 375-1113

## A Word from Pastor Scott: Sunday, April 24, 2022

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

*"Preaching the Gospel to yourself!"* That might sound strange to some. It conjures up a weird picture of someone standing before a full length mirror in the bedroom yelling and wagging his finger at himself. But, of course, that's not what it means. It means reminding yourself of the core truths of the Gospel on a regular basis, in a way that strengthens your faith and encourages you to continue persevering with joy as you run the "race set before you."

One good resource for this kind of Gospel-reminder that I've mentioned recently is the little book *"A Gospel Primer for Christians."* In this book Milton Vincent not only provides us with a really good model for how to fix our minds on the truths of the Gospel, he also gives a number of great reasons why we should do so daily. One of the reasons he gives is as follows:

*Outside of heaven, the power of God in it's highest density is found inside the gospel. This must be, for the Bible twice describes the gospel as "the power of God." Nothing else in all of Scripture is ever described in this way, except for the Person of Jesus Christ. Such a description indicates that the gospel is not only powerful, but that it is the ultimate entity in which God's power resides and does its greatest work. Indeed, God's power is seen in erupting volcanos, in the unimaginably hot boil of our massive sin, and in the lighting speed of a recently discovered star streaking through the heavens at 1.5 million miles per hour. Yet in Scripture such wonders are never labeled "the power of God." How powerful, then, must the gospel be that it would merit such a title! And how great is the salvation it could accomplish in my life, if I would only embrace it by faith and give it a central place in my thoughts each day!*

Know this Gospel so you can share it with others. But also, preach it to yourself daily! Here is God's power at work for your good daily! *Pastor Scott*

(Amy and I have been out of town this weekend, but look forward to seeing you all next week. Don't forget, Fellowship meal and Congregational Meeting)