



Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #27

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17

The Lord's Day — July 7, 2019 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! If you are a guest with us, please be sure to sign our Welcome Pads when they are passed around before the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4 to 6 years of age may be dismissed to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.
Sinners then shall learn from me, and return oh God to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips oh Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.
Touch my silent lips, oh Lord and my mouth shall praise accord.

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Mollie Schmidt

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the name of the Lord,

Pastor: Give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord,

People: In the courts of the house of our God!

All: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 150

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been, Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Reading of the Word: *God Is Love***1 John 4:7-16**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, I have erred and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have broken your gracious laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; I have done those things which I ought not to have done. There is no health in me, but have mercy upon me, a miserable offender, O Lord. Spare me, heavenly Father, for I humbly confess my faults. Grant unto me the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O most merciful God, for Christ's dear sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy name ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

He Will Not Turn Away**2 Chronicles 30:9**

The Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

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The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground, The Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, The Lord is my salvation
*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*
My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come, The Lord is my salvation
In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation
And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

Jesus, Only Jesus

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.
Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.
*Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore.
I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.*
Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.
*You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Mike McMahan

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (John 14:1)

Pastor Tommy Lee

EXCURSUS, PART 2

XVIII. How And Why Does A Triune God Matter?

2 Corinthians 13:14 (page 971)

² 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 132.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Wesley

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please speak to the pastor before the service or alert your server during communion.)

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

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Whate'er my God ordains is right, His Holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent, His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day. His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart. sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there, He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.
He is my God, though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Benediction³

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Song of Faith

Behold Our God

Baird/Altrogge

Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am

Ladies Bible Study @ DPC (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (*will resume in the Fall*)

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (*Mansfield's Book of Manly Men*)

³ Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

DPC Announcements

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org.

Next Up! The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be 1 Corinthians, Proverbs, Ezekiel, and 2 Corinthians. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Midweek Ministries: will resume September 11th.

JOY (Empty-Nesters) Luncheon: The next JOY covered dish luncheon will be Sunday, July 14, following the worship service. Questions? Please see Susan Brooks, Barbara Brownlee, or Nancy Waldron.

Frontline Prayer: *"Prayer is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian"* (C.H. Spurgeon). Come, breathe, believe, take comfort, find strength, and keep honor. Sunday, July 14, 6:00 pm, at the church.

Youth Movie Night: Friday, July 19, in the youth room at 5:00pm. Pizza will be provided. Bring a friend!

The Neighborhood Christian Center is celebrating 25 years in ministry! And we want you to celebrate with us. Please join us on July 25th for a Ministry Tour of the NCC. Come tour the Center along with our 3 transitional homes and learn about the different NCC ministries that directly impact your community. To reserve your time of 9am, 12pm, 3pm, or 6pm, please email ashley@decaturncc.org. We hope to see you on July 25th!

Youth Group American Gospel Viewing: Saturday, July 27th, we'll be viewing the documentary American Gospel and discussing it afterward. We'll meet in the youth room at 1:00. We'll have some snacks, but eat lunch before you come. We hope to see you there!

Youth/JOY Group Service Opportunity: Save the date, Wednesday, July 31st. The youth, and the JOY group, will spend some time at the Center of the Developmentally Disabled for crafts, fun, and fellowship. More details coming...

Library News: For your greater convenience, there's a new placement of our Book Return – the gathering room just before you reach the children's wing! Perfect! Now you will be reminded and have easier access to return the books, CDs, and DVDs that you have checked out of the DPC Library. Thank you! Lucinda Beddow

Want to write Carrie while she's serving as a missionary in Cherokee, North Carolina this summer? The address is: MTW Cherokee Carrie Hill P.O. Box # 2186 Cherokee, NC 28719

Sermon Outline Notes: for adults and children are available on the back table.

"I have stored up your word in my heart..."

Psalm 119:11

"When Dawson Trotman, founder of the Christian organization called The Navigators, was converted to faith in Christ in 1926, he began memorizing one Bible verse every day. He was driving a truck for a lumber yard in Los Angeles at the time. While driving around he would work on his verse for that day. During the first three years of his Christian life he memorized his first thousand verses.

"If he could memorize over three hundred verses a year while driving, surely we can find ways to memorize a few."

Donald S. Whitney

On various tables around the church, you'll find stacks of cards. Pick one up and stick it in your pocket. Throughout the month of July, read and reflect and pray through the verse you find printed there. You'll find yourself memorizing it. And, as Donald Whitney says of Dawson Trotman, you might find it a surprising centerpiece of your growth in Christ.

There's only one verse printed on the card per month, but if you're feeling ambitious, there are enough Bible references on the card to take you through the entire month, one verse per week.