



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants
for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

What do justification and sanctification mean?

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

The New City Catechism, Question & Answer #32

To those who are elect exiles... according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

1 Peter 1:1-2

The Lord's Day — August 11, 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

You Are God Alone

Footnote

You are not a god, created by human hands
You are not a god, dependent on any mortal man
You are not a god, in need of anything we can give
By Your plan, that's just the way it is

*You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You are God alone
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone*

You're the only God, whose power none can contend
You're the only God, whose name and praise will never end
You're the only God, who's worthy of everything we can give
You are God, and that's just the way it is
Unchangeable, Unshakable, Unstoppable
That's what You are

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Jeremy Martin

Responsive Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

Pastor: Let us proclaim not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

People: For God who said, Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 5

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reading of the Word: *Absalom's betrayal...*

1 Samuel 15:1-14

After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you." Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice." And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the Lord, in Hebron. For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the Lord will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the Lord.'" The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron. But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'" With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing. And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing. And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom." Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

from Psalm 51

Father, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not loved You but our idols; we have not exalted You but ourselves; we have not done all Your holy will; we have broken Your law and broken faith with our neighbor; we have not listened to wisdom nor heard the cry of the needy Hide us and have mercy on us for Jesus' sake. ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

A Healing Pardon

1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on a tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but not have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Come People of the Risen King

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Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.
Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is All in All."

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

Glorify Thy Name in All the Earth

Adkins

Father, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Jesus, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Spirit, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth!

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jason Seale

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Pastor Rick Stark

Playing Out of the Rough

Psalm 3 (page 448)

We Respond

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Mote

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;

In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;

When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

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.)

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

Be Still My Soul

Sibelius

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend, Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake, To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know, His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay, From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastn'ing on, When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Benediction³

Numbers 6:24-27

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Song of Faith

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see how great
How great is our God

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. (*Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians*)

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 Proverbs, Ezekiel, 2 Corinthians, and Song of Songs. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

Glory be to Graduation! We congratulate and give praise to God for Natasha Hardin has graduated from the Refuge of Grace! Wednesday nights program made much of God's *kingdom coming* and *His will being done on earth* (in Natasha's life) *as it is in heaven*. After Natasha's testimony of her new freedom in Christ - *deliverance over condemnation* (Rom.8:1), *wholeness and hope over bondage* (Jer.29:11) - she was awarded the RoG Certificate and "Anchor" charm. (Heb.6:19) May she fly as with the "*wings of an eagle, run and not be weary, walk and not faint.*" (Isa.40:31)

Midweek Ministries: will resume September 11th.

Missionary Visit: Jeremy and Angel Martin (daughters Riley & Genevieve) are at DPC today, Sunday, August 11. The Martin's will be serving the Southall community in London and we are excited that they will be able to come share with us. To learn more about the Martins go to this link: <https://give.serge.org/p-737-jeremy-angel-martin.aspx>

Frontline Prayer: "*Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.*" (E.M. Bounds) So let's come take hold together God's willingness at Frontline Prayer, today, Sunday, August 11 6:00pm at the church.

Women's Bible Study: will meet on Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00, beginning September 10. The study will be facilitated by Teresa Quinn and Annah Joseph. Childcare is provided. We will study the book of Revelation, guided by *Revelation: Let the One Who is Thirsty Come*, by Sarah Ivill. Please join us! Books will be available in the Book Nook.

Want to write Carrie? Carrie's time as a summer missionary in Cherokee, NC has come to an end. If you want to write Carrie while she's in school this fall, the address is: 112 NC54 Unit x8, Carrboro, NC 27510

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SUMMER 2019

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

The Fun Adult Class! Life Explored: A study to assist us to uncover what we're really living for, and shows how, in Christ, God meets our deepest desire for happiness. "Life Explored" is designed to speak powerfully to those who do not consider themselves religious or know the Bible, this course will assist us in knowing how to help our neighbors find their happiness fulfilled in God. Join us in Room 167 across the hall from the church offices.

New Sunday School Class! The Foundations Class and Young Adult Class have merged! This class, led by Stuart Smith and Nathan White meets in the parlor. Our first series will be on 1 Corinthians. We'd love for you to join us!

Sedona Class: Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Acts. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

Ladies Sunday School Class: We are studying the books *Crazy Busy*, and *Learning Contentment* for the summer, in the library at 9:30 am. This is a discussion based Bible study, facilitated by Barbara Brownlee, Elizabeth Lee, Julie Missildine, Vicki Stephenson, and Sarah Crupi. Open to all ladies, please join us!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn
Jason Seale

Greg Smith
Jay Suggs
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

Diaconate

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Wade Littrell
John Lyons
Scott Missildine
Steve Sasser
Sam Thompson
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Service Times

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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