

Reformation Bible Church

Congregational Worship
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GOD'S GREATNESS MOVES US TO RESPOND TO HIM IN WORSHIP

We have thought, O God,
on Your lovingkindness,
In the midst of Your temple.
According to Your name, O God,
So is Your praise to the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is full of righteousness.
Let Mount Zion rejoice,
Let the daughters of Judah be glad,
Because of Your judgments.
Walk about Zion,
And go all around her.
Count her towers;
Mark well her bulwarks;
Consider her palaces;
That you may tell it to the generation following.
For this is God,
Our God forever and ever;
He will be our guide
Even to death.
Psalm 48:9-14

WE LOVE TO SING TO GOD ABOUT HIS GREATNESS

"Hear, O kings!
Give ear, O princes!
I, even I,
will sing to the LORD;
I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.
Judges 5:3

"Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken" Hymn #345

Psalm 2

GOD DESIRES TO BE KNOWN ACCURATELY AND EXALTED PROPERLY

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 1:20-25

GOD IS PLEASED BY A HEART WHICH LOVES HIM AND HATES SIN

*Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?
Or who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart.*

Psalm 24:3

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD IN HUMILITY, YET WITH ASSURANCE

• CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, we know that left to ourselves we would always have life upside down and backwards. But by Your grace we have Your word and Spirit and have begun to understand the ways You want us to live out the gift of salvation You have provided. You saved us and called us to holiness of life. You have called us to know You rightly. You have called us to worship You in truth. You have called us to love You above all else – and that means ALL ELSE! Knowing You alters us in heart and mind. We are convicted and grieve over the evil we commit which looks like the shame of the world. Sadly, at times we pursue the same evils as the lost.

We can be different. We want to be different. We want to be honoring to You by walking in the light of Your Word. Therefore we

have come to You today to confess our sin. We want to forsake our evil and acknowledge our sins with full repentance. We look to You for the love, grace, mercy and forgiveness You can give to those who truly repent.

Thank You for Jesus who has paid the full debt of our sin, and purchased for us a safe and permanent place in Your glorious presence.

This we pray in the Great name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Confess your secret sins in the privacy of your own heart.)

GOD PROMISES HIS FAVOR TO THE CONTRITE

*For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
Isaiah 57:15*

WE RESPOND TO THE MERCY OF GOD, DECLARING OUR CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST'S WORK, ON OUR BEHALF

• CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Without faith it is impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God
must believe that He is (exists),
and that He is a rewarder
of those who diligently seek Him.
Hebrews 11:6*

(Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A #33 - 38)

Pastor: What is justification?

People of God: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

*(Rom. 3:24-25; Rom. 4:6-8; 2 Cor. 5:19, 21; Rom. 5:17-19;
Gal. 2:16; Phil. 3:9)*

Pastor: What is adoption?

People of God: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

(1 John 3:1; John 1:12; Rom. 8:17)

Pastor: What is sanctification?

People of God: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

(2 Thess. 2:13; Eph. 4:23-24; Rom. 6:4, 6; Rom. 8:1)

Pastor: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

People of God: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

(Rom. 5:1-2, 5; Rom. 14:17; Prov. 4:18; 1 John 5:13; 1 Pet. 1:5)

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

People of God: The souls of believers are, at their death, made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united in Christ, do rest in their graves until the resurrection.

(Heb. 12:23; 2 Cor. 5:1, 6, 8; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; 1 Thess. 4:14; Isa. 57:2; Job 19:26-27)

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

People of God: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up to glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

(1 Cor. 15:43; Matt. 25:23; Matt. 10:32; 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 4:17-18)

GOD CAN FORGIVE AND GIVE JOY IN PLACE OF WRATH

*Cause the soul of Your servant to rejoice,
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.*

Psalms 86:4-5

WE SING WITH JOY TO HONOR HIM FOR HIS REDEEMING WORK ON OUR BEHALF

"Lord, With Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee" Hymn #80

GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS

*"I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the LORD"
Psalm 116:17*

GOD IS HONORED AS WE BRING OUR TITHE TO HIM

*No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed.
Deuteronomy 16:16*

WE GIVE ATTENTION TO THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PREACHED

*"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy,
and cause them to discern between the clean and the unclean.
Ezekiel 44:23*

The Sermon: Pandemic Providence

THE LORD CALLS HIS CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COVENANT MEAL

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We Contemplate His Work On Our Behalf
 - "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" Hymn #252
- The Words of Institution
- Invitation to the Meal and The Fencing of the Table
- The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements
- The Serving of the Elements

- Charge and Benediction

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*... and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.
Luke 24:50*

GREET THE BRETHREN IN LOVE

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