

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH

ONLINE SERVICE

November 8, 2020

Greg Allen, Pastor

Message from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

TELLING IT PLAINLY

Welcome!

We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service, and we sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.

Order of Service

(hymns attached)

Welcome

Hymn #535, "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Hymn #87, "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Message

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:7-10

Hymn: "I Saw the Light"

Closing Prayer

Hymn #535: Ask Ye What Great Things I Know

Joahann C Schwedler; translated by Benjamin H Kennedy

Ask ye what great thing I know
That delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
Healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on His right
With the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

This is that great thing I know;
This delights and stirs me so:
Faith in Him who died to save,
Him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Hymn #87: Fairest Lord Jesus

Anonymous German Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus; Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son.
Thee will I cherish; Thee will I honor;
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows; fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer;
Who make the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine; fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Scripture Reading
from 1 Peter 2:7-10, NKJV

7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone,”

8 and

“A stone of stumbling
And a rock of offense.”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

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Hymn: I Saw the Light

Hank Williams, Sr.

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light*

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow's the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

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This morning's message is part of our ongoing study of the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians; and is taken from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

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Our God has--from the beginning--ordained, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3). The gospel of Jesus is that light that now shines in the world (John 1:4-5). Paul preached this glorious gospel of the 'new covenant' (see vv. 12-18); and as his own example in this passage shows us, the nature of this gospel of Jesus motivates us to tell it plainly. We do so by ...

1. **SPEAKING AS RECIPIENTS OF GOD'S MERCY (v. 1).**
(See 1 Timothy 1:12-16; 1 Corinthians 15:8-10.)
2. **KEEPING AT IT EARNESTLY AND FAITHFULLY (v. 1b).**
(See 2 Corinthians 4:7-16.)
3. **SETTING ASIDE ALL TRICKS OF PERSUASION (v. 2a).**
(See 2 Corinthians 2:17; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.)
4. **PROCLAIMING IT WITH CONFIDENT SINCERITY (v. 2b).**
(See 1 Thessalonians 2:5-12.)
5. **KNOWING THAT NOT ALL WILL UNDERSTAND IT (vv. 3-4).**
(See John 12:39-40.)
6. **PUTTING THE FOCUS UPON JESUS (v. 5).**
(See 1 Corinthians 3:5.)
7. **TRUSTING THAT GOD WANTS IT TO BE KNOWN (v. 6).**



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Thank you, and God bless you!