

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH

ONLINE SERVICE

April 18, 2021

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Message from 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

THE LIVING GIFTS WHO GAVE

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, "I've Found a Friend"

Opening Prayer

Hymn #11, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:25-28

Hymn #597, "Take My Live and Let It Be Consecrated"

Closing Prayer

Hymn: I've Found a Friend

James G. Small

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!
He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus He bound me to Him;
And round my heart still closely twine
Those ties which naught can sever,
For I am His, and He is mine,
Forever and forever.

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!
He bled, He died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life,
But His own self He gave me.
Naught that I have mine own I call,
I'll hold it for the giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my all,
Are His, and His forever.

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!
So kind and true and tender,
So wise a counsellor and guide,
So mighty a defender!
From Him who loves me now so well,
What power my soul shall sever?
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell?
No! I am His forever.

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Hymn #11: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name—I'm fixed upon it—
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bo't me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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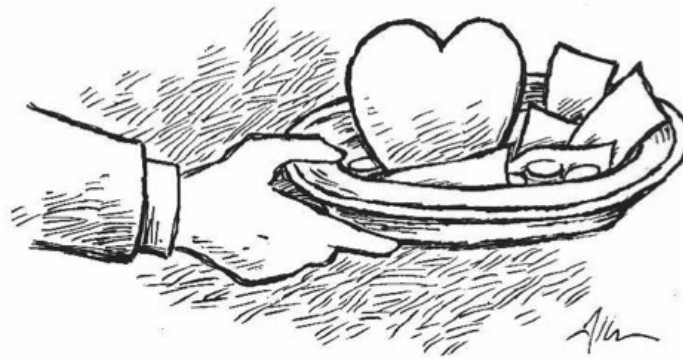
This morning's message is part of our ongoing study of
the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians; and is taken from
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

THE LIVING GIFTS WHO GAVE

The relief effort that was being administered to the Jewish believers (See Acts 11:29-30; Romans 15:25-27) had also been taken up by the Corinthians (see 1 Corinthians 16:1-4). But somewhere along the way, they failed to follow through. They needed to recommit themselves to this work of God.

Paul therefore points to the example of the Macedonian believers to show that God desires for us to be givers who have first given ourselves to Him. We see from this passage that ...

1. **TO GIVE IN HIS WORK IS A GRACE FROM GOD (v. 1).**
(See Ephesians 3:8.)
2. **SUCH GIVERS GIVE (vv. 2-4) ...**
 - A. **Even in a time of affliction (v. 2; also see Luke 6:38).**
 - B. **To an extent that is beyond their human means (v. 3).**
 - C. **As partners in ministry (v. 4; see also Luke 24:1-4).**
3. **IT'S BECAUSE THEY FIRST GIVE THEMSELVES TO GOD (v. 5).**
(See v. 9).
4. **SUCH GIVERS ARE AN INSPIRATION TO US (vv. 6-7).**



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Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:25-28, NKJV

Whom have I in heaven but You?

And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

My flesh and my heart fail;

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish;

You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

But it is good for me to draw near to God;

I have put my trust in the Lord God,

That I may declare all Your works.

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Hymn #597: Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

Frances Ridley Havergal

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days—
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee,

Take my silver and my gold—not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my love—my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself—and I will be
Ever, only all for Thee,
Ever only, all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine—it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart—it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

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Thank you, and God bless you!