

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH

ONLINE SERVICE

July 25, 2021

Greg Allen, Pastor

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

OUR STAND AGAINST THE DARKNESS

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 #327, "The Old Rugged Cross"

Opening Prayer

Hymn (on insert): "Christ in Us Be Glorified"

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Message

Congregational Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Hymn #727, 'Faith Is the Victory'

Closing Prayer

Hymn #327: The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

On a hill faraway stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Chorus

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

Chorus

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me someday to my home faraway,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Chorus

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HYMN: CHRIST IN US BE GLORIFIED

Morris Chapman

Christ in us be glorified.

Christ in us be lifted high.

Let His love be shown and His praises be known.

Let Christ be glorified, let Christ be glorified.

Christ in us be glorified.

Christ in us be magnified.

Self denied, sin crucified.

Let Christ be glorified, let Christ be glorified.

In every song we sing, in the praises that we bring,
let Christ be glorified.

In the service that we give, and the lives that we live,
let Christ be glorified.

Christ in us be glorified.

Christ in us be lifted high.

Let His love be shown and His praises known.

Let Christ be glorified, let Christ be glorified.

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This morning's message is part of our ongoing study from the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians; and is taken from 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

OUR STAND AGAINST THE DARKNESS

We are in a spiritual battle—not against people, but against spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:12); not to conquer external realms but to persuade the thoughts and minds of people (Ephesians 4:17-19); and always with the goal of bringing people to the obedience of the faith (Romans 16:26).

As Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 show us, we battle to rescue people from the kingdom of darkness and unto faith in the cross of Christ ...

1. OVERTHROWING THE DEVIL'S FORTRESSES THAT KEEP PEOPLE IMPRISONED.

*(See Matthew 16:17;
Genesis 39:20;
Hebrews 2:14-15.)*

2. CASTING DOWN THE PHILOSOPHIES THAT KEEP PEOPLE IN DARKNESS.

*(See Romans 1:18-25;
Hebrews 4:12.)*

3. LEADING EVERY THOUGHT INTO CAPTIVITY TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST.

(See Colossians 1:28-29.)



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Congregational Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20, NKJV

(Leader reads the italicized text; congregation reads the boldfaced text)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

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Hymn #727: Faith Is the Victory

John H Yates

Encamped along the hills of light, ye Christian soldiers, rise
And press the battle ere the night shall veil the glowing skies.
Against the foe in vales below let all our strength be hurled;
Faith is the victory, we know, that overcomes the world.

Chorus

Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory!
O glorious victory
That overcomes the world!

His banner over us is love, our sword the Word of God;
We tread the road the saints above with shouts of triumph trod.
By faith they, like a whirlwind's breath, swept on o'er every field;
The faith by which they conquered death is still our shining shield.

Chorus

On every hand the foe we find drawn up in dread array;
Let tents of ease be left behind and onward to the fray.
Salvations' helmet on each head, with truth all girt about,
The earth shall tremble 'neath our tread and echo with our shout.

Chorus

To him that overcomes the foe white raiment shall be giv'n;
Before the angels he shall know his name confessed in heav'n.
Then onward from the hills of light, our hearts with love aflame,
We'll vanquish all the hosts of night in Jesus' conqu'ring name.

Chorus

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Thank you for joining us! Be sure to visit our website at www.bethanybible.org for sermon and Bible study notes – and join us this Wednesday at 10:30AM (PST) for our Wednesday morning Bible study here on Facebook live! Special thanks to Robert Powell and Michael Diehl for their technical assistance.

Thank you, and God bless you!