

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH
SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
April 3, 2022

Greg Allen, Pastor

This morning's message is from Colossians 2:11-15

SET FREE BY THE CROSS

Welcome!

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

Order of Service

(hymns attached)

Welcome

Hymn #635, "In the Garden"

Opening Prayer

Hymn #21, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Announcements

Church Family Time

Message

Communion Meal

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:14-16

Hymn #347, "And Can It Be?"

Closing Prayer

Hymn #635: In the Garden

C. Austin Miles

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Chorus

*And He walks with me, and he talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

Chorus

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe;
His voice to me is calling.

Chorus

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Hymn #21: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King.
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

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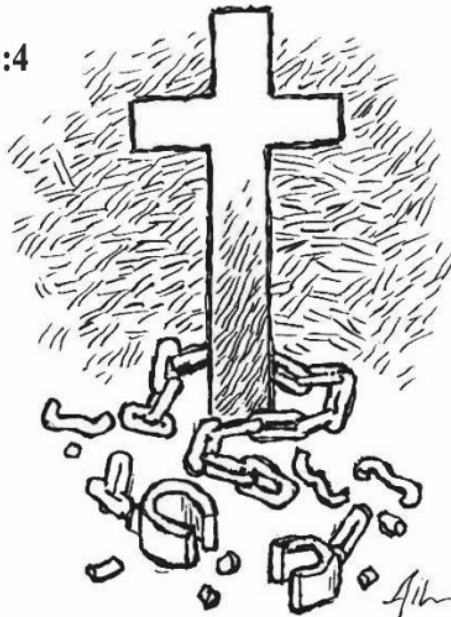
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Paul wrote to the Colossian believers to protect their faith in Christ from being drawn away to false religions and phony spiritualities (see Colossians 2:1-10). As his word to them show us, a whole-hearted trust in the cross is our greatest defense against spiritual deception. It gives us what nothing else can:

1. **IT FREES US FROM BONDAGE TO THE FLESH (vv. 11-12a).**
(See Romans 6:1-14).
2. **IT RESULTS IN A NEW LIFE FROM THE DEAD (vv. 12b-13a).**
(See Ephesians 2:1-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17).
3. **IT FORGIVES ALL TRANSGRESSIONS AGAINST GOD (v. 13b).**
(See Romans 6:23; 1 Peter 2:24.)
4. **IT CANCELS ALL REQUIREMENTS AGAINST US (v. 14)**
(See 1 Corinthians 15:56; Romans 8:3-4.)
5. **IT TRIUMPHS OVER THE FORCES THAT ACCUSE US (v. 15).**
(See Ephesians 6:12; Revelation 12:10-11; Romans 8:33-34.)

Conclusion:
Colossians 2:16-3:4



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Scripture Reading:
Galatians 6:14-16, NKJV

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

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Hymn #347: And Can It Be?

Charles Wesley

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Chorus

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above;
So free, so infinite His grace.
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.

Chorus

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off; my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

Chorus

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine;
Bold I approach th' eternal throne
And claim the crown, thro' Christ, my own.

Chorus

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