### **BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH**

SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE April 28, 2024

### **Greg Allen, Pastor**

This morning's message is taken from Romans 5:6-11 HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US

#### 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

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**Opening** Prayer

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Hymn #173, "I'm Forever Grateful"

Hymn #147, "How Great Thou Art" (verse 3 only)

### **Closing Prayer**

## Hymn #151: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe— His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing, Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He— Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him— His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure: One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also— The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

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# Hymn #324: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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May 5, 2024 This morning's message is taken from Romans 5:6-11

## **HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US**

How can we know that God truly loves us? Is it through a subjective feeling? Certainly, feelings are important. In Romans 5:5, the apostle Paul tells us that the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. But we also need an objective demonstration of God's ongoing, unchanging love. And this we have in the cross of Jesus.

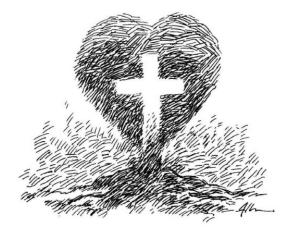
As Romans 5:6-11 shows us, <u>if you want to be assured of how much</u> <u>God loves us, simply look at the cross</u> ...

1. IT'S THE PROOF OF GOD'S UNDESERVED LOVE FOR US (vv. 6-8). (See Ephesians 2:1-7; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-11.)

2. IT'S THE BASIS OF GOD'S RECONCILIATION TOWARD US (vv. 9-10) (See Romans 1:18; 2:5-6; 8:31-39.)

# 3. IT'S THE FOUNDATION OF GOD'S GIFT OF JOY TO US (v. 11).

(See 1 Peter 1:3-9; Romans 5:1-5.)



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### Scripture Reading: John 3:13-17(nkjv)

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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### Hymn #173: I'm Forever Grateful

Mark Altrogge

You did not wait for me to draw near to You, But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity. You did not wait for me to cry out to You, But You let me hear Your voice calling me.

> Chorus And I'm forever grateful to You, I'm forever grateful for the cross. I'm forever grateful to You That you came to seek and save the lost.

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# Hymn #147: How Great Thou Art (verse 3 only)

Stuart K. Hine

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

### Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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