

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH
SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
May 4, 2025

Greg Allen, Pastor

This morning's sermon message is taken from

1 Timothy 5:22-25

CAREFUL COMMISSIONS

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 #572, "Blessed Assurance"

Hymn #444, "I Love to Tell the Story"

Opening Prayer

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Church Family Time

Message

Communion Meal

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:24-27

Hymn #405, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Closing Prayer

Hymn #572: Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission—all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus

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Hymn #444: I Love to Tell the Story

A. Catherine Hankey

I love to tell the story; of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Chorus

*I love to tell the story!
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.*

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story; it did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

Chorus

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Chorus

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Chorus

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This morning's message is part of our ongoing study from the New Testament book of 1 Timothy, and is taken from 1 Timothy 5:22-25

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Ministry in God's church—if the church is what God says it is (1 Timothy 3:15)—is the most vital work in the world. It's what facilitates the proclamation of the message that saves souls for eternity. And so, to commission someone to official ministry in a careless or reckless way is a dangerous thing to do.

In giving instruction to Timothy regarding the honor to be shown to the office of elder (1 Timothy 5:17-21), the apostle Paul teaches that a commission to ministry in the church family must always be done carefully and prayerfully.

1. DON'T BE TOO QUICK TO PUT SOMEONE INTO MINISTRY (v. 22).

(See Numbers 8:10; 27:18; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6; 3:10.)

2. KNOW THAT MISTAKES NOW CAN CAUSE MUCH TROUBLE LATER (v. 23).

(See 2 Timothy 1:7; 3 John 9-12.)

3. TRUST GOD TO GIVE NEEDED INSIGHT IN DUE TIME (vv. 24-25).

(See Matthew 7:15-20; John 2:24-25; 1 Timothy 3:10.)



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Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:24-27 (nkjv)

I now rejoice in my sufferings for you,
and fill up in my flesh
what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ,
for the sake of His body, which is the church,
of which I became a minister according to
the stewardship from God which was given to me for you,
to fulfill the word of God,
the mystery which has been hidden
from ages and from generations,
but now has been revealed to His saints.
To them God willed to make known
what are the riches of the glory
of this mystery among the Gentiles:
which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory.

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Hymn #405: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Timothy Dwight

I love Thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

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Note: This hymn was written by the grandson of Jonathan Edwards; and is believed to be the oldest hymn written by an American that is still commonly used in churches today. It's a great hymn to sing on a Sunday when we study what God's word says about His church.

Thank you for joining us!

Be sure to visit our website at www.bethanybible.org for sermon and Bible Study notes – and join us each Wednesday at 10:00AM (PST) for our Wednesday morning Bible study (broadcast at 12PM PST)!

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