

SERMON NOTES:

“The Greatest of These Is Love”
1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Pastor Jon Patton



THE LORD’S DAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

TODAY’S FOCUS: LOVE

REFLECTION: “And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’” *Matt. 22:35-40*

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of His inheritance?
He does not retain His anger forever,
because He delights in steadfast love.” *Micah 7:18*

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DOXOLOGY: “To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood,
and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—
to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.” *Revelation 1:5-6*

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HYMN LYRICS

HIS MERCY IS MORE

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, 2016 Common Hymnal Publ.; CCLI #3044672

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

***REFRAIN: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn—
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.***

What riches of kindness He lavished on us—
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. (***Refrain***)

CHRIST, THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR

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Christ, the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the Anchor—it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on,
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still then goes the Anchor though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the Anchor—it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief;
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance: see His love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the Anchor—it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death,
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure,
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure.

Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true!
We will hold fast to the Anchor—it shall never be removed.

YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren; 2018, CityAlight Music; CCLI #3044672

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer—
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;
Through the deepest valley, He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated—
Jesus, now and ever, is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home,
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus—
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Edward Mote, 1834; William Bradbury, 1863; CCLI #3044672

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

REFRAIN: *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)**

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. **(Refrain)**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. **(Refrain)**

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE

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O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love;
Leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

REFRAIN: *O the deep, deep love, all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus; spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne. **(Refrain)**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest:
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend;
You will bring us home to glory where Your love will never end. **(Refrain)**

THY WORKS, NOT MINE, O CHRIST

Horatius Bonar, 1857; John Darwall, 1770; CCLI #3044672

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

REFRAIN: *To whom, save Thee, Who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?*

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
Have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me. **(Refrain)**

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
Of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God. **(Refrain)**

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee. **(Refrain)**

COMMUNION PRAYERS FOR MEDITATION

If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and giving forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.