

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Scripture for All of Life

Sermon Title: *The Essentials Steps You Must Know
for a Better Everything!!!*

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

**THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT*

— words included

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

— Elder Steve Thompson

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS* — Hymn #32

*BENEDICTION

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Presbyterian Church in America or "The PCA" is a distinctly evangelical denomination in the Reformed tradition. The Bible as the Word of God is the primary standard for our faith. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, although subordinate to the Bible in their authority, set forth our understanding of biblical truth in a consistent, concise, and reliable form.

In the Reformed tradition, there are five key tenets, among others, that we hold to: By Scripture Alone; By Christ Alone; By Grace Alone; By Faith Alone; and To God Alone be the Glory.

- We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God's truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
- We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God's displeasure, except by His mercy.
- We believe that salvation is by God alone as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.
- We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
- We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.
- We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.



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"For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians 4:5

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

(*Indicates when to stand)

We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.

***HERE I AM TO WORSHIP** – words included

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you.
Hope of a life spent with you.

(Chorus)

*Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created.
All for love's sake became poor.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

(Chorus 2x)

***YOUR NAME** – words included

As morning dawns and evening fades,
you inspire songs of praise
that rise from earth to touch your heart
and glorify your name.

(Chorus)

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower;
your name is a shelter like no other;
your name, let the nations sing it louder
'cause nothing has the power to save, but your name.*

Jesus, in your name we pray,
come and fill our hearts today.

Lord, give us strength to live for you
and glorify your name.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE:** *Exodus 15*

All: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously...The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?...You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy dwelling.

***TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE** – *Hymn #585; vs. 1,2,5,6*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *2 John 1:4,8,9*

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments...Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

All: Our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But, to whom can we cry except to you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'" (Ps.35:3). Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side. (Adapted from St. Augustine's Confessions)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 1:13-14*

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

***JESUS, DRAW ME EVER NEARER** – words included

Jesus, draw me ever nearer
as I labor through the storm.

You have called me to this passage,
and I'll follow though I'm worn.

(Chorus)

*May this journey bring a blessing,
may I rise on wings of faith;
and at the end of my heart's testing,
with your likeness let me wake.*

Jesus, guide me through the tempest,
keep my spirit staid and sure.

When the midnight meets the morning,
let me love you even more.

(Chorus)

*May this journey bring a blessing,
may I rise on wings of faith;
and at the end of my heart's testing,
with your likeness let me wake.*

May the treasures of the trial
form within me as I go.

And at the end of this long passage,
let me leave them at your throne.

(Chorus)

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

***MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER** – words included

Lord, you are more precious than silver,
Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with you.

(Repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:
Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Pastor Daniel Lambert.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:
Eliudi and Lucy Issangya from Tanzania. Eliudi established the International Evangelical Outreach which trains ministers, offers trade schools, schools for children and is building a hospital. *(Please see bulletin insert.)*



ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
6:00 pm - Soup Supper
7:00 pm - Annual Meeting
We hope to see you there!



SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING are available in the Fellowship Hall. Three more pots are still needed, enough to serve 20 each. Any kind of soup will be welcomed! Bread, rolls, coffee, tea and a light dessert will be provided. ***Thank you!***

The ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET is available in the Fellowship Hall for you to look through before the meeting. If you have concerns or questions about the budget, please use the time the week before the meeting to direct your questions or concerns to Tom Jentz (treasurer), Pastor Lloyd or any Elder to expedite our meeting time on the 18th.

AS WE HAVE TWO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEETING in the Fellowship Hall after the Coffee Hour, with only curtains as dividers, we ask you to please be courteous and move to another area of the church building or keep your visiting at a whisper when class begins at 11:15 a.m. ***Thank you for your consideration of our teachers and students.***

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: If you are looking for an opportunity to become involved in the various ministries of Faith Covenant Church, signups are available in the new addition foyer. There are many areas where we could use your help! Questions? Contact the church office at 752-2400.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will NOT meet Wednesday, January 18 because of the Annual Meeting.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP IS STARTING! Grades 6th-8th will meet weekly in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays beginning January 25 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Questions? Call Matt Riley 261-6554.

THREE DETAILED BIBLE READING PLANS are available to you on the table in the Fellowship Hall to help you read through the Bible in a year.

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders only, shared with the Deacons or put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to any Elder or Pastor Lloyd.

FLATHEAD PRO-LIFE has scheduled their annual Rally and March for Life for Saturday, January 21, 2012 at Central Bible Church Gym located at 902 First Ave. East in Kalispell The Rally will start at 12:00 noon with a freewill donation lunch. The March follows at 1:35 p.m.

HOPE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER (940 First Ave. East in Kalispell) **IS HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, January 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for anyone interested in taking a tour and finding out more about volunteer opportunities.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on Thursday, February 9 at St. Matthews school cafeteria. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

JANUARY MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bruce Tulloch
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Karen Hunnicutt
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Doug & Jeri Brown
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Will Schmautz’
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Salyers
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Amy Bennett & Jeri Brown
COMMUNION PREP Lucille Eisenhart
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Gloria Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 22

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COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
11:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
– Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
– Sr. High Youth Group, cancelled this week

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)
Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home, (Sept.-May)
Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
Weds., January 25 – ***Junior High Youth Group begins, 7-9 p.m.***
Sunday, January 29 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 7 – Trustees’ meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 9 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Saturday, February 11 – Baby Shower for Betsy Russell, details to follow
Tuesday, February 14 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
– Women’s Ministries meeting, 6:30 p.m.
– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 21 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.

For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faithcov.com. After hours contact Carlynn at home.

SERMON OUTLINE

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I. A man-centered appeal is appealing

II. A Christ-centered gospel is the gospel

SERMON TEXT: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

Verse 2

“I understand by it—all the disguises, with which they adulterated the pure and native beauty of the gospel... for they were ashamed of the simplicity of the gospel.”
—Calvin

Verse 3

“The blindness of unbelievers in no way detracts from the clarity of his gospel; the sun is no less bright because blind men do not perceive its light.” —Calvin

Verse 3

“The Word of God must be the most peculiar thing in heaven and earth. It must do both things at the same time, enlighten and honor in the highest degree those that believe and honor it, and blind and disgrace in the highest degree those that do not believe it.”—Luther

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Questions and thoughts for discussion: (cont.)

Verse 5

“For a man to preach himself is to preach the devices and imaginations of his own heart instead of the revealed will of God...or to make himself the end of his preaching.” —Matthew Poole 17th Cent.

Verse 6

“Since the divine nature is invisible and always remains so, it is seen for what it is in the humanity of Jesus Christ which shines with divine light and sends out its rays.” —Theodoret 5th cent

1. In what ways have you seen the centrality of Christ become eclipsed by other things?
2. Why do you suppose that so many Christians have substituted the proclamation of Jesus as Lord for the following of trendy fads?
3. What is the difference between a Christ-centered message and an application centered-message? Paul is certainly not against application, but he sets it in its proper place within the message of the gospel. What is the danger of its misplacement?
4. How is the light of the glory of Christ made visible in Paul’s life and ministry? In your life?
5. How does their personally knowing Paul help keep his ministry accountable and above the board?