

Hope Chapel Greensboro – December 27, 2009

CALLED BY GOD

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Songs

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify.
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo The Incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,
Can do helpless sinners good.

Unchanging

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness;
You never change, You never fail, O God.
True are Your promises, true are Your promises;
You never change, You never fail, O God.

*So we raise up holy hands to praise the Holy One,
Who was and is and is to come.
So we raise up holy hands to praise the Holy One,
Who was and is and is to come.*

Wide is Your love and grace, wide is Your love and grace;
You never change, You never fail, O God.

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Satisfied

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cold spring.
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through His blood I now am saved.*

Leader: Father, we come to you this morning as people who need to be redeemed. We need to be made whole. We confess that we need You to heal us for we cannot heal ourselves. We confess our wandering hearts. We run after acceptance, prestige, wealth, order, pleasure and novelty in a desperate effort to heal our hearts. None of these can redeem us, none of these can make us whole. Yet we are slow to learn.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Feeding on the filth around me
'Till my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through His blood I now am saved.*

Leader: We confess our faithless hearts. We have looked for redemption everywhere but in your arms. We haven't looked there because we doubt your love for us.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Poor I was and sought for riches;
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.
Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through His blood I now am saved.

Leader: Now, Father, accept our confession and receive us gladly. We ask this not upon our deserving it, or even the honesty of our confession, but for the sake of Jesus. You rejected Him, the innocent, in order to embrace us, the guilty.

All: Hallelujah! Praise be to God!

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of Life, so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through His blood I now am saved.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God makes all things new. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old has passed away; everything has become new!

Friends, believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are loved,
we are blessed, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

(based on Revelation 21 and 2 Corinthians 5)

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord,
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead me by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.
So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

*For Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me!*

Great is Your love and justice, God,
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along.

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise His name-- I'm fixed upon it-- name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this place,
And I know Thy hand will bring me, safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wondering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O, that day when free from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransomed soul away.
Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wondering heart to Thee.
Prone to wonder, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Children are dismissed at this time

Prayer of Renewal

Let us pray for the church...
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the city...
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world...
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

**Give ear to our prayers, O Father,
for the sake of your son Jesus,
our only mediator and advocate.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

Sermon- Jim Osborne
New Year's Resolution

Offering

Closing Songs

O Church Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Community Life

Blessing and Sending

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

2Corinthians 13:13

And also with you.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Musicians

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Song Information

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Come Ye Sinners—Joseph Hart (1759), Matthew Smith (2000)

Unchanging—Chris Tomlin (2002)

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Your Grace Is Enough—Matt Maher (2003)

Come Thou Fount—John Wyeth (1813), Robert Robinson (1758)

O Church Arise—Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2005)