

Loving God by Keeping His Commandments

Scripture for Meditation: *1 John 5:2, 3*

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

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Hymn of Faith: *Reformation Hymn*

REFORMATION HYMN

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D Em A/C# D G D D Em

6 A/C# D G D **VERSE** D G/D D

11 D/F# G A Em G Bm

1. We will trust God's Word a-lone, where His
2. We are saved by grace a-lone- un - de-

per - fect will is known; Our tra - di - tions shift like sand while His truth for - ev - er
served, yet free - ly shown; No ac - com - plish - ment on earth can a - chieve the sec - ond

16 A D G/D D D/F# G A

stands. We will live by faith a-lone, clothed in mer - it not our own; All we
birth. We will stand on Christ a-lone, the un - yield - ing Cor - ner - stone; Na - tions

21 Em G Bm A D **CHORUS**

claim is Je - sus Christ and his fin - ished sac - ri - fice. Glo - ry
rage and dev - ils roar, still He reigns for - ev - er - more!

26 A/C# G/B D A/C#

be, glo - ry be to God a - lone through the Church He re -

31 G/B D A G/B A/C#

deemed and made His own. He has freed us, He will keep us till we're

36 D/F# G Em A^{sus} D

safe - ly home, Glo - ry be, glo - ry be to God a - lone!

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Hymn of the Word: *God, in the Gospel of His Son*

God, in the Gospel of His Son,
Makes His eternal counsels known;
Where love in all its glory shines,
And truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame
May taste His grace, and learn His Name;
May read, in characters of blood,
The wisdom, power, and grace of God.

The prisoner here may break his chains;
The weary rest from all his pains;
The captive feel his bondage cease;
The mourner find the way of peace.

O grant us grace, Almighty Lord,
To read and mark Thy holy Word;
Its truths with meekness to receive,
And by its holy precepts live.

Benjamin Beddome, 1717-1795
Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1779-1823; mod.
Arr. by Dan Forrest
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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 119:1-8*

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.

I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

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Hymn of the Word: *Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears*

Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee my Lord;
And not a glimpse of hope appears, but in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace does all my griefs assuage.
Here I behold my Savior's face in every page.

This is the field where hidden lies the pearl of price unknown,
That merchant is divinely wise, who makes the pearl his own;
Here consecrated water flows to quench my thirst of sin.
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows; no danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife where wit and reason fail,
My guide to everlasting life through all this gloomy vale.
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God, my roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road that leads to Thy right hand.

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *1 John 5:1a*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God.

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Offertory Hymn of Wonder: *And Can It Be*

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love Divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
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Let angel minds inquire no more.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Confession of Faith: *The Shorter Catechism*

Question 1: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: **Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

Question 2: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Answer: **The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

Question 3: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Answer: **The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

“The Westminster Assembly wrote the Shorter Catechism in 1647 as a concise question-and-answer summary of the biblical doctrines in the Westminster Confession of Faith. It was written as an instructional tool for use by the family and by the church” (*Trinity Hymnal*, 869).

Hymn of Supplication: *Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Church Info

SUNDAY

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service

10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

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*A nursery is available for all services.

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The new life in Christ, just like all natural life, must be nourished and strengthened. This is possible only in communion with Christ in the Holy Spirit and through the word of Scripture. Enlightened by the Spirit, believers gain a new knowledge of faith. The gospel is the food of faith and must be known to be nourishment. Salvation that is not known and enjoyed is no salvation. God saves by causing himself to be known and enjoyed in Christ.

Herman Bavinck

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