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One generation ... believed the gospel and held... that there [are] certain social, economic, and political entailments. The next generation assumed the gospel, but identified with the entailments. The following generation denied the gospel: the “entailments” became everything.

– D. A. Carson

Alive in Christ

Scripture for Meditation

Matthew 10:32, 33

So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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Hymn of Salvation

God The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

God the uncreated One, the author of salvation,
Wrote the laws of space and time, and fashioned worlds to his
design;

The One whom angel hosts revere, hung the stars like
chandeliers,

Numbered every grain of sand, knows the heart of every man.

He is King forever,

He is King forever,

He is King forevermore!

God our fortress and our strength, the rock on which we can
depend;

Matchless in his majesty, His power and authority;

Unshaken by the schemes of man, never-changing, Great I
Am,

Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall; He is faithful through it all.

Crown him King forever,

Crown him King forever,

Crown him King forevermore!

Mighty God in mortal flesh, forsaken by a traitor's kiss;

The curse of sin and centuries did pierce the lowly Prince of
Peace;

Lifted high, the sinless man, crucified, the spotless Lamb,

Buried by the sons of man, rescued by the Father's hand

To reign as King forever,

Reign as King forever,

Reign as King forevermore!

King Eternal, God of Grace, we crown You with the highest
praise;
Heaven shouts and saints adore, you're Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!
What joy in everlasting life; all is love and faith is sight;
Justice rolls and praises rise at the Name of Jesus Christ,
King of Kings forever,
King of Kings forever,
King of Kings forevermore!

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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?

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

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Matthew 5:11–16

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Hymn of Courage

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

Am I a soldier of the cross,
A foll'wer of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His name?

Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy word.

The saints in all this glorious war
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the triumph from afar
By faith's discerning eye.

When that illustrious day shall rise,
And all Thine armies shine
In robes of vict'ry thro' the skies,
The glory shall be Thine.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 10:9, 10

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Pardon

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim,
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Elvina M. Hall, 1820-1889

Confession of Faith

EBC Confession of Faith and Church Covenant

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

We will endeavor to watch over one another in brotherly love; to admonish one another faithfully lest we become hardened by the deceitfulness of sin; and to consider how to encourage one another to love and good works. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for one another. We will rejoice at one another's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. We will be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay. We will endeavor to walk soberly, righteously, and godly in this world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, for we remember that we have been raised to walk in the newness of life.

Article XII, *Of the Perseverance of the Saints*
Excerpt from our Church Covenant

Dismissal for Children

During this next song, children ages 3 – K5 may be dismissed for children’s classes downstairs.

Hymn of Boldness

Stand Up, My Soul, Shake off Your Fears

Stand up, my soul, shake off your fears,
And gird the gospel armor on,
March to the gates of endless joy,
Where your great Captain-Savior’s gone.

Hell and your sins resist your course,
But hell and sin are vanquished foes;
Your Jesus nailed them to the cross,
And sung the triumph when He rose.

Then let my soul march boldly on,
Press forward to the heav’nly gate;
There peace and joy eternal reign,
And glitt’ring robes for conquerors wait.

There shall I wear a starry crown,
And triumph in almighty grace,
While all the armies of the skies
Join in my glorious Leader’s praise.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, modified
Arr. Dan Forrest

Ministry of the Word

Sunday Service Times

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service

10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com.

Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

Ministers

The congregation at large

Pastors

Jonathan Bastoni

Brad Baugham

Will Coen

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