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The central basis of Christian assurance is not how much our hearts are set on God, but how unshakably his heart is set on us.

— Tim Keller

The God Who Justifies by Faith

Scripture for Meditation

Romans 3:23–26

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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Hymn of Praise

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
O You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain:

*You are the One that we praise;
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for,
O our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way.
O we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
O we're falling before Your throne.

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Offertory Hymn of Salvation

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
– Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross.

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon he has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
– Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross.

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He Rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness
– Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that Cross!

Onward to eternal glory
– To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross,
It was finished upon that Cross!

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Galatians 2:15–21

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners;

yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ,

so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Hymn of Dependence

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me**

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 Saviour He will stay;
I labour 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!
(Repeat)*

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Ministry of the Word

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

The Lord's Supper

Presentation of the Bread

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
I come with your righteousness on, my humble offering to
bring.
The judgments of Your holy law with me can have nothing to
do;
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions
from view.

The work which Your goodness began, the arm of Your
strength will complete;
Your promise is yes and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
The future or things that are now, no power below or above,
Can make You Your purpose forgo, or sever my soul from
Your love.

My name from the palms of Your hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on Your heart it remains, in marks of indelible
grace.
Yes, I to the end will endure, until I bow down at Your throne;
Forever and always secure, a debtor to mercy alone.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Presentation of the Cup

Complete in Thee

Complete in Thee! No work of mine
May take, dear Lord, the place of Thine;
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me,
And I am now complete in Thee.

Refrain:

*Yea, justified! O blessed thought!
And sanctified! Salvation wrought!
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me,
And glorified I too shall be!*

Complete in Thee! No more shall sin,
Thy grace hath conquered, reign within;
Thy voice shall bid the tempter flee,
And I shall stand complete in Thee.

Complete in Thee—each want supplied,
And no good thing to me denied;
Since Thou my portion, Lord, wilt be,
I ask no more, complete in Thee.

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.

Announcements

This Month's Verse for Adults and Children

Exodus 20:1-3

1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

3 "You shall have no other gods before me."

Children's Classes Catechism

What is the law of God stated in the Ten

Commandments? You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day

by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You

shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not

steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

In Town Teen Camp June 21–24

Fall Men's Retreat October 13, 14

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*

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The congregation at large

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Jonathan Bastoni
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