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RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD BY FAITH

Philippians 3:9

- I. The difference between real and counterfeit righteousness.
 - A. No matter how hard we try, or how good we are, or who we are – we can never produce real righteousness.
 - B. Today we will see the deception that results from counterfeit righteousness.
- II. Look at the Apostle Paul: (Philippians 3:1-7)
 - A. I was a child of the covenant (circumcised on the eighth day) (3:5)
 - B. I was a member of the 'church' (of the people of Israel) (3:5)
 - C. I was in the right social class (tribe of Benjamin) (3:5)
 - D. I have a long 'Christian' heritage. (A Hebrew of Hebrews) (3:5)
 - E. I have a prestigious training - transcript (a Pharisee) (3:5)
 - F. I have unblemished commitment (persecuted the church) (3:6)
 - G. I live by the letter of the law (legalistic righteousness) (3:6)

— None of these things are important when you compare them to knowing Christ.
- III. Paul craved true righteousness —
 - A. Paul realized that his righteousness was counterfeit - worthless – rubbish. (3:8)
 - B. Only the righteousness that comes from God by faith has any value. (3:9)
- IV. Paul's goal:
 - A. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection ("This is my body")
 - B. I want to know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. ("This cup is the new covenant in my blood")
 - C. I want to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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The Call to Worship

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn No. 25 Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from
our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious—Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring
above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest—to both great and small; in all life Thou
livest—the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the
tree, and wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore
Thee all veiling their sight; all praise we would render—
O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 11:23-32

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. ³² When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

Unison Reading I John 1:8-9

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Silent Prayer *"examine ... before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup"*

Choir Anthem *What Wondrous Love is This*

Ladies Choir

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Hymn No. 203 *And Can It Be?* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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?*

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me.
*Amazing love! How can it be that
Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

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 the eternal throne, and claim the crown,
through Christ my own.
*Amazing love! How can it be that
Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

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*Hymn No. 404 *The Solid Rock* (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

Verse 3

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

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*Hymn No. 404 The Solid Rock (verse 4)

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 426 *Lord's Prayer*

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Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
A-men.

*Postlude

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