

WON by ONE
Fourth Sunday in Lent
3-22-20

WON by ONE: One Hope

(Romans 8:18-27)

During this sermon series from the Book of Romans, the victory over sin, death, and evil is WON for us by ONE, the Lord Jesus Christ! Today we patiently live in Hope, knowing in all of the uncertainties, the Spirit is interceding for us.

† GOD CALLS US †

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills- where does my help come from?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: The Lord watches over you. The Lord will watch over your coming and going

People: **Both now and forevermore!**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

“Cornerstone”

v. 1, v. 1, Chorus

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name**

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name**

**Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all**

OPENING PRAYER

† GOD CLEANSSES US †

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Together as God's people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I declare with great joy, "Your sins are forgiven! In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit..

People: **Amen**

NEW SONG

"Wonder of the Cross"

The greatest love song, the greatest story
The King of Heaven became for us a man
So helpless sinners can find forgiveness
Born for our salvation, God's redemption plan

The curse of sin placed upon His shoulders
All our offenses, Jesus chose to bear
God's perfect judgment in love was rendered
Darkness was defeated, death was shattered there

Oh the wonder, the wonder of the cross
The love of Jesus pouring out for us
"It is finished!"
In victory He cried
As He rose He raised us back to life
He's raised us back to life

Now we're invited to sweet communion
We are united in His righteousness
Participation in death and glory
Jesus our beginning, Christ our only end

Oh the wonder, the wonder of the cross
The love of Jesus pouring out for us
"It is finished!"
In victory He cried
As He rose He raised us back to life
He's raised us back to life
Hidden now in Christ

Such precious mercy, this new beginning
No condemnation now for me to fear
Where sin entangled, You have delivered
Hear the sound of freedom rising from the grave

Oh the wonder, the wonder of the cross
The love of Jesus pouring out for us
"It is finished!"
In victory He cried
As He rose He raised us back to life
He's raised us back to life
Hidden now in Christ

† GOD SPEAKS WITH US †

HOLY GOSPEL
John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

³⁴ To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

³⁶ “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

³⁷ Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

³⁸ Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

EPISTLE READING **Romans 8:18-27**

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

SONG

"Cornerstone"

v. 1 once, chorus, v. 2, chorus

When Darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all

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

Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- The Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

*Bringing Our Blessings
With Thanksgiving in our Offering*

† WE PRAY †

PRAYERS

THE 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Go My Children With Blessing”

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing-you are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

† GOD BLESSES AND SENDS US †

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

ALL Amen.

Pastor Go in peace, serve the Lord!

ALL Thanks be to God!