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## Welcome to Grand Heights

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# Your Name

*"The Name of the LORD is a strong tower;  
The righteous run to it and are safe." Proverbs 18:10*

Glenn Packiam

As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your  
Heart and glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty  
tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name, let the nations sing it  
louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name

Jesus, in Your Name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord, give us strength to live for You  
and glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save

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# Sing to the King

*“Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise. God  
reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne” Ps. 47:6-8*

Billy James Foote, Charles Silvester Horne

Sing to the King who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring  
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come, let us sing a song  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray  
We will be ready, the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed  
'Cause Satan is vanquished  
And Jesus is King

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# Christ Is Mine Forevermore

*"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life  
through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own  
glory and goodness" 2 Pt. 1:3*

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall, His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from  
heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its  
treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
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# Cornerstone

*"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" Ps 118:22*

Edward Mote and Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan

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 Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
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When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

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  
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# Offering: Show Us Christ

*"The unfolding of Your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple" Ps. 119:130*

Doug Plank and Bob Kauflin

Prepare our hearts, O God  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Lead us in Your truth

Show us Christ, show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses  
Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations Makes  
the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

Show us Christ, show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses  
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Where else can we go, Lord  
Where else can we go  
You have the words of eternal life  
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# Colossians

Christ is Everything

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### **The Big Idea**

We have been united to Christ who defeated death and sin, so our spiritual growth only comes from God through Christ.

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2. External practices cannot defeat sin. (20-23)

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“Therefore” in v.16 indicates that Paul is continuing his thoughts from 2:8-15. In those verses, the church was reminded that in Christ “the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” and that in Him they were “complete” because He is the head over all things. Through faith, believers are in union with Christ and are complete. So, nothing can be added through things which are just shadows or are expressly false (Ezek. 13:7-8).

## **External practices cannot bring spiritual growth. (con’t)**

[18] ...puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, [19] and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

In verse 19, Paul provides the theological reasoning behind his statement that these external practices “defraud” or “disqualify” from a spiritual payoff (“prize” or “reward” in other versions). The “growth” from these external practices do not stem from the “Head”, Christ. In Eph. 4:15-16:

*[15] ...we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,  
[16] from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*



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[19] ... holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

So, for the believer in Christ, we have been given life, “a new creation” or “a new humanity” by being united by faith to our creator, Christ. Since our life finds its source in Christ (our Head) then we (the body) can only grow as we draw on Him. When we rely on Christ, or abide in Him (John 15:3-4), then He is the source of our growth. John 15 uses the image of vine that grows and bears fruit. There our obedience and allegiance is entirely to Christ. In Col. 2, Paul explains this in terms of walking in Christ (2:6; see also 1:10).

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The “if” phrase of v.20 refers back to 2:11-12 in which Paul says that the Gentile believers have been circumcised in Christ through the death of their old human nature. Their baptism pictured this death and the resurrection of a new person (a new humanity created by Christ through faith). So, Paul presses in v.20... why are you still acting like this new life is found in the body or the perishable things of the first creation.



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The deception of these external measures as prompting spirituality is that they have an “appearance of wisdom.” Paul’s phrase “self-made religion” points to the fact that this teaching draws on our inherent tendency towards self-righteousness. Self-righteousness can look like a secular appeal to austerity or “others first” wording that are not grounded in Christ-centered love and actually flaunts personal sacrifices. Self-righteousness can look like religious conservatism that highlights all that is given up in the name of religion. In Rom. 14:14-15, self-righteousness can look like personal freedoms expressed at the expense of another’s faith.

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As is he does in v.19 Paul now provides the theological reasoning why this “self-made religion” is ineffective. Self-imposed austerity is not powerful enough to stop the indulgence of the flesh, partially because this sinful indulgence is rooted in our desires not just sinful practices. James 1:14-15 warns of these sinful desires and how they lead to sinful actions. James says: [14] *But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.* [15] *Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.* So, how do we fight against these sinful desires? By the Spirit of Christ, see Romans 8:10-13 (with Col. 2:11-15). Paul also addresses this in Gal. 5:5-6, 16.



### **Living the Christ-centered life:**

**Have you died with Christ and received new life from Him?**

Before we look for self-improvement or spiritual peace, we need to ask if we are alive in Christ. Christ as our head (Lord) gives us life.

**What have you been relying on for spiritual growth?**

Our religious practices provide patterns and traditions that can be helpful on a basic level. However, true spiritual growth can only come by the means God has ordained, through the Spirit. We access the Spirit by reading His inspired Word, the Bible (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21). The Spirit uses His Word to speak God's words to us & offers us life with Him.

**What have you been relying on to fight sin?**

The Spirit wants to work His fruit in you (Gal 5) instead of the works of the flesh. The Spirit using the Word can help us fight against sin at the level of our desires. True love for God and for others motivates us to move away from self-serving desires and actions to pursue God's will.

**Is Christ everything in your life?**

**He can be everything today!**

# From the Inside Out

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Rom. 12:2*

Joel Houston

A thousand times I've failed  
Still your mercy remains  
Should I stumble again  
Still I'm caught in your grace

Everlasting  
Your Light will shine when all else fades  
Never ending  
Your Glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else  
My purpose remains  
The art of losing myself  
In bringing you praise

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My heart and my soul  
I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out, Lord  
Let justice and praise  
Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out

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Your Light will shine when all else fades  
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Your Glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise  
From the inside out  
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