

Living Water Fellowship

7TH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

19TH JULY 2020

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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Heavenly Father, we are not people of fear: we are people of courage who call out Abba Father & know you hear & answer. We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who, as your Son cared for us even unto death, care for our neighbour & reach out to those in need in the face of risk.

We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity because you are abundantly generous to us.

We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs for as long as it takes wherever you call us. In the Name of Jesus Christ...Amen

BIBLE READING: Luke 10:38-42

SONG: Grace

[Verse 1]

*Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit*

[Verse 2]

*Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation*

[Chorus]

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

[Verse 3]

*Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The Prince of life, without a stain
Was traded for this sinner*

[Chorus]

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

[Verse 4]

*Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Saviour*

[Chorus 2X]

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GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Psalm 19:7-11

FAITH CHAT:

1. How often do you read larger portions of the Bible...more than a verse or two at a time?
2. Do you ever get the sense God says something directly to you when you read the Bible? What?
3. What do you think God wants you to hear in this season of your life? Why?

THE MESSAGE: FAITH FORMED LISTENING

PRAYERS:

(Individuals are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world's leaders in this time of isolation due to virus containment)

(Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes.

Please feel free to do so. If you know the Words of Institution you simply say them as you would hear them in worship. If you aren't sure, then read aloud together Paul's recount of the celebration in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Then share the forgiveness, life and salvation Christ offers in his body and blood. The words "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you" and appropriate elements are to be used as you celebrate together.)

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen.

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

**† _____, child of God, the Father feeds you with the living Word!
Amen.**

SONG: Living Hope

[Verse 1]

*How great the chasm that lay between us,
how high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness,
Your loving kindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

[Verse 2]

*Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

[Chorus]

*Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain,
there's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope!*

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[Verse 3]

*Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
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Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory!*

[Chorus]

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SHOW HIS LOVE

LUKE 10:38-42

As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

PSALM 19:7-11

The instructions of the Lord are perfect,
reviving the soul.
The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The commandments of the Lord are right,
bringing joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are clear,
giving insight for living.
Reverence for the Lord is pure,
lasting forever.
The laws of the Lord are true;
each one is fair.
They are more desirable than gold,
even the finest gold.
They are sweeter than honey,
even honey dripping from the comb.
They are a warning to your servant,
a great reward for those who obey them.

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Luke 10:38-42 & Psalm 19:7-11. What questions immediately come to mind for you?
2. Psalm 19 describes how God reveals himself to us. Vss 1-6 tell how God shows himself in His world. God revealing himself in nature is wonderful, but it is limited. What are some things we would never know about God and our relationship to him through nature alone? Note also Romans 3:21ff. What is revealed apart from the law? How do you have access to that revelation?
3. What adjectives does David use to describe the character of God's Word in 19:7-9? What four effects can the Word of God have on our lives? Which of the blessings in 19:7-9 would you like to experience in greater measure? Why?
4. David also uses the personal name Yahweh for God in 7-9. How does a personal relationship with God, rather than an abstract "belief in" God, change the way one engages with God's Word? Jesus is "the Word in the flesh." How does this personal approach of God to humanity have still greater significance?
5. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: "Do not try to make the Bible relevant. Its relevance is self-evident. Do not defend God's word, but testify to it. Trust the Word. It is a ship loaded to the very limits of its capacity." Respond.
6. One scholar describes how we are to listen to Jesus speaking through the Scriptures this way:
 - a. Trust the text
 - b. Take no shortcuts
 - c. Time
 - d. To do

Talk about those in your group. How disciplined are you in that process? Where do you struggle?

7. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Why such a strong command on teaching them to "your children?" What are the desired results of the verbal, visible, & public expressions of God's Word?
8. Read John 5:39-40. Jesus knows that all people, even his enemies, have a longing for life. What are some ways people today seek "abundant life" outside of Jesus? How can you help them experience his love and life that never end?