

Two Infinitely Strong & Tender Truths

Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose." Isaiah 46:10

The word "sovereignty" (like the word "trinity") does not occur in the Bible. We use it to refer to this truth: God is in ultimate control of the world from the largest international intrigue to the smallest bird-fall in the forest.

One reason this doctrine is so precious to believers is that we know that God's great desire is to show mercy and kindness to those who trust him. God's sovereignty means that this design for us cannot be frustrated.

Nothing, absolutely nothing, befalls those "who love God" and "are called according to his purpose" but what is for our deepest and highest good.

Therefore, the mercy and the sovereignty of God are the twin pillars of my life. They are the hope of my future, the energy of my service, the center of my theology, the bond of my marriage, the best medicine in all my sickness, the remedy of all my discouragements.

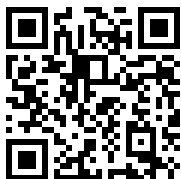
And when I come to die (whether sooner or later), these two truths will stand by my bed and with infinitely strong and infinitely tender hands lift me up to God.

- Solid Joys from John Piper

Events

TODAY VisionYouth &
7th/8th Meetings
7:00 PM
3/27 Annual Meeting, Pt. 1
7 PM
4/2 Senior Breakfast
9 AM

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Upcoming Events



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Service Times



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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

**Loving God, one another, and the world
through the gospel of Jesus Christ**

March 20, 2016

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Stephen Byrd Your Great Name We Praise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, You rule us in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
(Chorus)

*Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise.*

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small,
In all life you live Lord the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail,
We wither and perish but You never fail. (Chorus)

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O Father of grace,
'Till one day in splendor we see face to face. (Chorus)

*Your great Name we praise.
Your great Name we praise.*

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Preparatory

Revelation 10 - page 1033

#27 Great is Thy Faithfulness Come All Ye Pining

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace in thy beloved Son
(Chorus) *Come, all ye pining, hungry poor the Saviour's bounty taste
Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest*
O wondrous gifts of love divine dear Source of every good
Jesus, in thee what glories shine how rich thy flowing blood (Chorus)

Here shall your numerous wants receive, a free, a full supply
He has unmeasured bliss to give and joys that never die (Chorus)
Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest

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Preparatory

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide. Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Brad Kinnison #6 All Ye that Fear Jehovah's Name

Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory

John 10:1-18 - page 896

Help My Unbelief

I know the Lord is nigh and would but cannot pray
For Satan meets me when I try and frights my soul away
And frights my soul away

I would but can't repent though I endeavor oft
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft
Till Jesus makes it soft
(chorus)

*Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief*

My help must come from thee

I would but cannot love though wooed by love divine
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine
A soul so base as mine

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will
I know what He appoints is best and murmur at it still
I murmur at it still
(Chorus - Sing 2 times)

John Newton, Clint Wells
Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #278

Preparatory

Speak, O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
2. Teach us Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes; in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton