

You are Greatly Loved

*We all once lived among [the sons of disobedience] in the passions of the flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the **great love** with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved.* (Ephesians 2:3–5)

Would you not love to hear the angel Gabriel say to you, “You are greatly loved”?

Three times this happened to Daniel.

“At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for *you are greatly loved.*” (Daniel 9:23)

“O Daniel, *man greatly loved*, understand the words that I speak to you,

and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” (Daniel 10:11)

And he said, “*O man greatly loved*, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” (Daniel 10:19)

In fact, I do hear this. And you can hear it too. If you have faith in Jesus, God himself says to you in his word — which is more sure than an angel of God speaking — “You are greatly loved.”

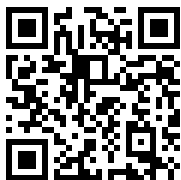
This is the only place where Paul uses this wonderful phrase “great love.” And it is better than an angel’s voice. If you have seen Jesus as true and received him as your supreme treasure, that is, if you are “alive,” you are *greatly loved*. Greatly loved by the Creator of the universe. Just think of it! Greatly loved!

–John Piper

Events

TODAY College/Career
Lunch 1 PM
TODAY Hawfields 3 PM
3/7 Ladies’ Bible Study
10 AM
3/12 High School Girls’
Bible Study 4 PM
3/13 Flourishers Potluck

Give



Upcoming Events



GRACE
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Service Times

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



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Nick Gaines
In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this Solid Ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when strivings
cease.

My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless Babel!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny!
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory

Matthew 13:24-43, page 818

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is "Love", who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.

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Preparatory Sermon

#431 Just as I Am
Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Bob Prentice

Opening Hymn

#89 Come Thou Almighty King

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 4, page 529

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

**#533 What a Friend We Have in
Jesus**

Preparatory

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton