

The Point of Creation -John Piper

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

God made humans in his image so that the world would be filled with reflectors of God. Images of God. Seven billion statues of God. So that nobody would miss the point of creation.

Nobody (unless they were stone blind) could miss the point of humanity, namely, God — knowing, loving, showing God. The angels cry in Isaiah 6:3, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” It’s full of billions of human image bearers. Glorious ruins.

But not only humans. Also nature! Why such a breathtaking world for us to live in? Why such a vast universe?

I once read that there are more stars in the universe than there are words and sounds that all humans of all time have ever spoken. Why? The Bible is crystal clear about this: “The heavens declare the glory of God” (Psalm 19:1).

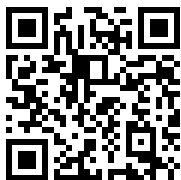
If someone asks, “If earth is the only inhabited planet and man the only rational inhabitant among the stars, why such a large and empty universe?” The answer is: It’s not about us. It’s about God. And that’s an understatement.

God created us to know him and love him and show him. And then he gave us a hint of what he is like: the universe.

Events

TODAY High School Girls
Bible Study 4 PM
8/20 Fellowship Picnic
7 PM
8/23 South Mebane
Mentoring Program
7:15 PM
8/27 7th/8th Youth Dinner
7 PM

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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
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Stu Johnston
#432 Jesus What a Friend for Sinners
Matthew 21:18-32, page 826

Offertory
We are dead to sin and alive in Christ, and we long to be a living sacrifice.
Purify our hearts and cleanse our hands to live holy lives in Your sovereign plan.

We stand in grace. We stand in grace.
Justified through faith in Christ, who is the Perfect Sacrifice,
we stand in grace.

We have peace with God through the Spotless Lamb
whose blood was shed so we may be born again.
Let us drink our fill from this Fount of Grace and be faithful to Him
'til we behold His face.

We stand in grace. We stand in grace.
Justified through faith in Christ, who is the Perfect Sacrifice,
we stand in grace. (key change)
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we stand in grace. We stand in grace.

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Preparatory
The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend, the agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son, drank the bitter cup reserved for me.
(Chorus) Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You.
By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.
Your enemy You've made Your friend.
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.
(Chorus) Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank---
Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You.
(Bridge) Lover of my soul, I want to live for You. Lover of my soul,
I want to live for You.
Lover of my soul, I want to live for You. **(Final Chorus, 1 x)**

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Sermon
Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Bob Prentice
#441 Thy Works, Not Mine
1 Corinthians 10:1-22, page 957

Offertory/Preparatory

The Power of the Cross
O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life – "Finished!" the vic'try cry.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God – slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Sermon
Communion

Pastor Michael Lopes
Pastor Charles Fortner
Here is Love

Here is love, wide as the ocean, loving kindness as a flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom shed for us, His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.
(Chorus) Oh, how marvelous, Oh, how glorious, is my Savior's love for me!
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On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy, flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love. **(Chorus)**

Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great love on me anew,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to You.
You alone will be my glory, nothing in the world I see,
You have cleansed and sanctified me, You Yourself have set me free. **(Chorus)**

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#178 O Sacred Head Now Wounded
I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer who crushed the power of sin and death;
My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm held by His grace,
My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer who waits for me at gates of gold,
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold. (repeat)

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