# "Thou shalt be called, Sought out." - Isaiah 62:12 by C. Spurgeon Morning and Evening, March 11

The surpassing grace of God is seen very clearly in that we were not only sought, but sought out. Men seek for a thing which is lost upon the floor of the house, but in such a case there is only seeking, not seeking out. The loss is more perplexing and the search more persevering when a thing is sought out. We were mingled with the mire: we were as when some precious piece of gold falls into the sewer, and men gather out and carefully inspect a mass of abominable filth, and continue to stir and rake, and search among the heap until the treasure is found. Or, to use another figure, we were lost in a labyrinth; we wandered hither and thither, and when mercy came after us with the gospel, it did not find us at the first coming, it had to search for us and seek us out; for we as lost sheep were so desperately lost, and had wandered into such a strange country, that it did not seem possible that even the Good Shepherd should track our devious roamings. Glory be to unconquerable grace, we were sought out! No gloom could hide us, no filthiness could conceal us, we were found and brought home. Glory be to infinite love, God the Holy Spirit restored us!

The lives of some of God's people, if they could be written would fill us with holy astonishment. Strange and marvelous are the ways which God used in their case to find His own. Blessed be His name, He never relinquishes the search until the chosen are sought out effectually. They are not a people sought today and cast away tomorrow. Almightiness and wisdom combined will make no failures, they shall be called, "Sought out!" That any should be sought out is matchless grace, but that we should be sought out is grace beyond degree! We can find no reason for it but God's own sovereign love, and can only lift up our heart in wonder, and praise the Lord that this night we wear the "name of "Sought out."

**Events** 

TODAY
Hawfields 3 PM
9/5 Small Groups 7:15 PM
9/9 College & Career Lunch
1 PM
9/25-9/29 Directory Photos
10/6 Annual Church Picnic
2-9 PM

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Upcoming Events



### **Pastors**

Gary Hendrix Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton Michael Lopes

## 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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**August 26, 2018** 

**Psalm 84:5** 

Loving God one another and the world and the gosse of Jesus Christ

# Blessed are those whose STRENGTH is in You

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# Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Nick Gaines

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

(Chorus) Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor **(Chorus)** 

I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross (repeat) **(Chorus)** 

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### We Fall Down

We fall down, We lay our crowns, At the feet of Jesus The greatness of, Mercy and love, At the feet of Jesus

(Chorus)
And we cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy is the lamb

We fall down, We lay our crowns, At the feet of Jesus The greatness of, Mercy and love, At the feet of Jesus

(Chorus 2x)

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Scripture Reading

John 9:18-41, page 895

Pastoral Prayer Offertory

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 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 Complete in Thee

Complete in Thee! no work of mine could take, dear Lord, the place of Thine Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and I shall stand complete in Thee

(Chorus) Yea, justified! O blessed thought! And sanctified! Salvation wrought! Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

Complete in Thee each want supplied and no good thing to me denied Since Thou my portion, Lord wilt be, I ask no more, complete in Thee **(Chorus)** 

Complete in Thee! no more shall sin Thy grace hath conquered, reign within Thy blood shall bid the tempter flee and I shall stand complete in Thee **(Chorus)** 

Dear Savior, when before Thy bar all tribes and tongues assembled are Among Thy chosen I shall be at Thy right hand, complete in Thee **(Chorus 2x)** 

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

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Sermon Pastor Gary Hendrix

# **Evening Worship**

Call to Worship Opening Hymn Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Pastor Charles Fortner #400 Come Thou Fount Psalm 1, page 448

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

- 1. Whate er my God ordains is right: Holy His will abideth; I will be still whate er He doth, and follow where He guideth: He is my God; though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall: Wherefore to Him I leave it all. I leave it all.
- 2. Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me; He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me: I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away, And patiently I wait His day, I wait His day.
- 3. Whate'er my God ordains is right: Though now this cup, in drinking, May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking: My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, And pain and sorrow shall depart, shall depart.
- 4. Whate'er my God ordains is right: Here shall my stand be taken; Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken; My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall: And so to Him I leave it all, I leave it all. Amen

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### 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

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