

**Best Passage Ever** by John Piper  
Solid Joys, [desiringGod.org](http://desiringGod.org)

*God put [Jesus] forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.* (Romans 3:25–26)

Romans 3:25–26 may be the most important verses in the Bible.

God is wholly just! And he justifies the ungodly! Really? A just judge acquitting the guilty!

Not either/or! Both! He acquits the guilty, but is not guilty in doing so. This is the greatest news in the world!

- “[God] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). He takes our sin. We take his righteousness.
- “By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans

8:3). Whose flesh? Christ’s. Whose sin condemned in that flesh? Ours. For us then? No condemnation!

- “[Christ] bore our sins in his body on the tree.” (1 Peter 2:24)
- “Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.” (1 Peter 3:18)
- “If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (Romans 6:5)

If the most terrifying news in the world is that we have fallen under the condemnation of our Creator and that he is bound by his own righteous character to preserve the worth of his glory by pouring out his wrath on our sin . . .

. . . Then the best news in all the world (the gospel!) is that God has decreed and enacted a way of salvation that also upholds the worth of his glory, the honor of his Son, and the eternal salvation of his elect. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.



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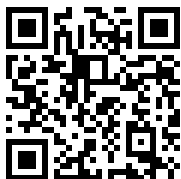
October 14, 2018

# BEHOLD the Lamb of God

## Events

10/18 Greater Vision Banquet  
6 PM  
10/21 Fellowship Picnic 7 PM  
10/27 Bridal Shower for Mandy  
Holt 2 PM @ the Dill's  
11/2-3 Parenting Conference,  
Paul David Tripp  
11/10 Senior Breakfast 9 AM

## Give



## 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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## Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only One Foundation, We believe, We believe

In this broken generation, When all is dark You help us see  
There is only One Salvation, We believe, We believe

**(Chorus) We believe in God the Father**

**We believe in Jesus Christ**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**

**And He's given us new life**

**We believe in the crucifixion**

**We believe that He conquered death**

**We believe in the resurrection**

**And He's coming back again**

We believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems, Greater than the songs we sing  
And in our weakness and temptations, We believe, We believe **(Chorus)**

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised, In the here and now, let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God will save, We believe, We believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail, For the power of God, has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail, We believe, we believe **(Chorus)**  
He's coming back again....!  
He's coming back again

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Scripture Reading

John 11:38-57, page 898

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Preparatory

**#690 Jesus Paid it All**

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**(Refrain) He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.**

**For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

**(Refrain)**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;  
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

**(Refrain 2x)**

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

## Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

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**You are My All in All**

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool.

You are my all in all.

**(Chorus) Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; rising again, I bless Your name.

You are my all in all.

When I fall down You pick me up; when I am dry you fill my cup.

You are my all in all.

**(Chorus)**

**Round - (Vs. 1-Men, Chorus-Women) Round - (Vs. 2-Women, Chorus-Men)**

**All sing chorus a final time.**

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 54, page 614

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/Preparatory

**Pass Me Not**

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art smiling, do not pass me by.

**(Refrain) Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;**

**While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.**

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;

Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. **(Refrain)**

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;

Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. **(Refrain)**

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,

Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? **(Refrain)**

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Sermon

Communion

Pastor Stu Johnston

Pastor Michael Lopes

**I Need No Other**

**#178 O Sacred Head**

**His Mercy is More**