

The other half of the arithmetic of contentment is addition. We do not seek so much to rid ourselves of the burdens of our afflictions as to add to our souls a deeper and more truthful appraisal of our sinfulness and what it deserves. There is an inherent humility in Christian contentment and a basic arrogance in discontentment. Jesus likened our forgiveness to a debt of ten thousand talents (Matt. 18:24). Such a figure would have staggered the minds of his hearers, because a talent was seventy-five pounds of gold or silver. The sum of ten thousand talents would be equivalent in the modern world to billions of dollars in debt.

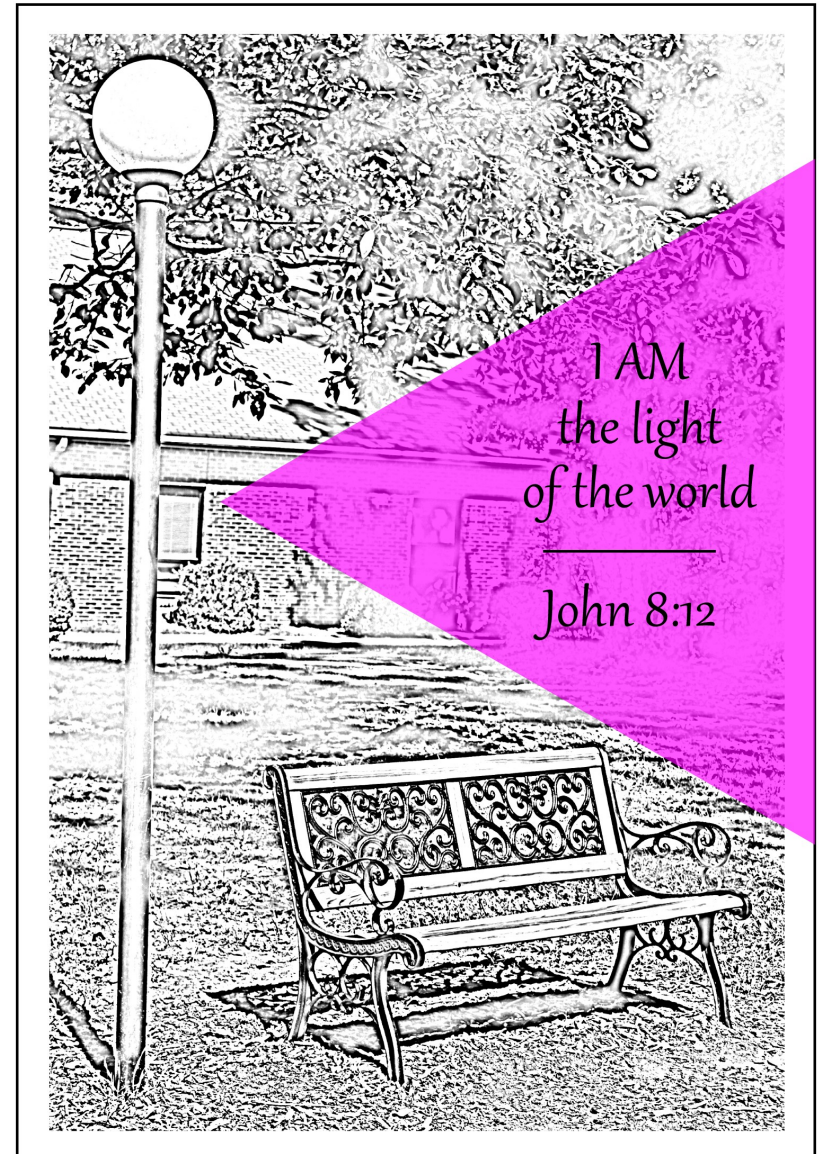
Most of us Christians do not feel the magnitude of that debt. When we first come to Christ, we only begin to see the sin problem. The Holy Spirit will spend the rest of our lives making us increasingly aware not only of the ten thousand talents we owed at conversion, but the ongoing depth of depravity in our present hearts and lifestyles.

Paradoxically, studying the horrors of hell can be a gateway to a resilient joy "in any and every circumstance." We walk through that gateway when we realize that we deserve to be in hell and instead are here on earth now. There is no condition on earth worse than hell: not suffering the ravages of disease in an ICU, not being incarcerated in a POW camp, not being in a sailboat in the midst of a hurricane, not even grieving at the funeral of a child. And as sinners, we all deserve to be in hell *right now*. But, thanks be to God, Christ drank hell for us on the cross, freeing us from the condemnation the law of God says we deserved (Rom. 3:9-10; 8:1).

These thoughts are humbling, and they give real spiritual teeth to the statement that some Christians make rather glibly when asked, "How are you doing?" In response they say, "Better than I deserve!" And yes, that is true, but how infinitely do we underestimate it.



June 16, 2019



I AM  
the light  
of the world  
—  
John 8:12

## Events

6/21 Sarah Beal Shower  
6:30 PM  
7/8-12 Vacation Bible School  
Sign up at [www.grbc.net](http://www.grbc.net)  
7/8-12 Youth Mission Local  
Outreach

## Give



## Upcoming Events



## Pastors

Gary Hendrix     Stephen Byrd  
Stu Johnston     Bob Prentice  
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  
919-563-9249  
[www.grbc.net](http://www.grbc.net)

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al español  
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de AM y PM

## Morning Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Stephen Byrd  
#87 Holy, Holy, Holy  
Acts 8:26-40, page 917

Offertory

Our God Reigns

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him  
who brings good news, good news  
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.  
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

**(Chorus) Our God reigns! Our God reigns!**

**Our God reigns! Our God reigns!**

2. He had no stately form, He had no majesty,  
that we should be drawn to Him.  
He was despised and we took no account of Him,  
yet now He reigns with the Most High. **(Chorus)**

3. Out from the tomb He came with grace and majesty,  
He is alive, He is alive.  
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side.  
Yes, we know, He is alive. **(Chorus)**

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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

Pastor Stu Johnston  
#521 My Hope is Built  
1 Thessalonians 5, page 987

Offertory

#675 A Wonderful Savior

Preparatory

10,000 Reasons

**(Chorus)**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes. **(Chorus)**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **(Chorus)**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
ten thousand years, and then forever more! **(Chorus 2x)**

**I'll worship Your holy name, I'll worship Your holy name.**

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Sermon

Pastor Michael Lopes