

**Forgiven for Jesus' Sake by John Piper, Solid Joys,  
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*For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. (Psalm 25:11)*

In knowing what is right, God does not consult any authority higher than himself. His own worth is the ultimate value in the universe. Therefore, for God to do what is right means acting in a way that accords with this ultimate value.

The righteousness of God is the infinite zeal and joy and pleasure that he has in what is supremely valuable, namely, his own perfection and worth. And if he were ever to act contrary to this eternal passion for his own perfections he would be unrighteous, he would be an idolater.

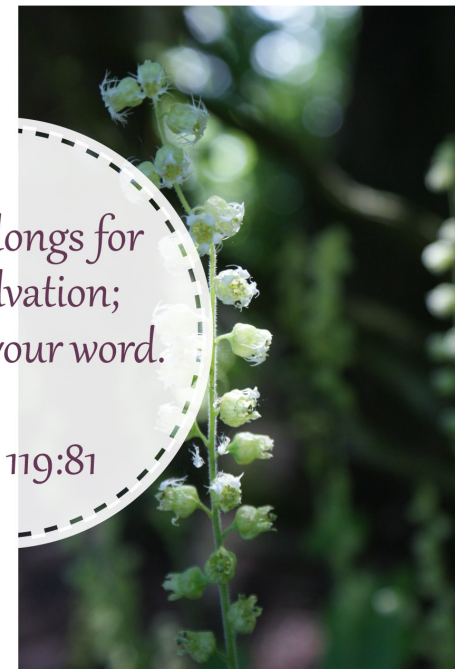
How shall such a righteous God ever set his affection on sinners like us who have scorned his perfections? But the wonder of the gospel is that in his divine righteousness lies also the very foundation of our salvation.

The infinite regard that the Father has for the Son makes it possible for me, a wicked sinner, to be loved and accepted in the Son, because in his death he vindicated the worth and glory of his Father.

Because of Christ, we can pray with new understanding the prayer of the psalmist, "For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great" (Psalm 25:11). The new understanding is that, because of Christ, instead of only praying, "For your name's sake, pardon my guilt," we now pray, "For Jesus's name's sake, O God, pardon my guilt."

First John 2:12 says, "I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake," referring to Jesus. Jesus has now atoned for sin and vindicated the Father's honor so that our "sins are forgiven for *his* name's sake."

God is righteous. He does not sweep sin under the rug. If a sinner goes free, someone dies to vindicate the infinite worth of God's glory that the sinner defamed. That is what Christ did. Therefore, "For your name's sake, O Lord" and "For Jesus's name's sake" are the same. And that is why we pray with confidence for forgiveness.



*My soul longs for  
your salvation;  
I hope in your word.*

*Psalm 119:81*

*welcome!*

## Events

9/8 College & Career Lunch  
1 PM

9/8 Hamilton Retirement &  
going away party 7 PM

10/5 Church Picnic 3 PM

10/12 Dr. Andy McIntosh 9 AM

## Give



## Upcoming



## Pastors

Gary Hendrix  
Stu Johnston  
Michael Lopes

Stephen Byrd  
Bob Prentice

## 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  
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## Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Congregational Reading

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Pastor Bob Prentice

Romans 8:31-39, page 944

#1 All People that on Earth

Luke 16:1-31, page 875

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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Preparatory

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise this house, In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

**(Chorus)**

**All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ**

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

**(Chorus)**

When on that day the great I AM, the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us, And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e're His people be, all glory be to Christ

**(Chorus 2x)**

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Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston

## Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

**(Sing 3 x's)** Holy God, in love, became perfect Man to bear my blame.  
On the cross He took my sin. By His death I live again.

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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 Babe!  
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!  
(repeat)**

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Sermon

Matthew 18:21-35, page 823

#550 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

#404 We Sing the Glorious

Conquest

Pastor Charles Fortner