

**God's Wise Mercy by John Piper, Solid Joys,  
desiringGod.org**

*We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24)*

Over against the terrifying news 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 eternal wrath on our sin, there is the wonderful news of the gospel.

This is a truth no one can ever learn from nature. The truth of the gospel has to be told to neighbors and preached in churches and carried by missionaries.

The good news is that God himself has decreed a way to satisfy the demands of his justice without condemning the whole human race.

Hell is one way to settle accounts

with sinners and uphold his justice. But there is another way. God provided another way. This is the gospel.

The wisdom of God has ordained a way for the love of God to deliver us from the wrath of God without compromising the justice of God. There it is. The gospel. Let me say it again slowly: The wisdom of God has ordained a way for the love of God to deliver us from the wrath of God without compromising the justice of God.

And what is this wisdom? The death of the Son of God for sinners! "We preach Christ crucified . . . the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:23-24).

The death of Christ is the wisdom of God by which the love of God saves sinners from the wrath of God, all the while upholding and demonstrating the righteousness of God in Christ.

## Events

10/19 Church Picnic 3 PM  
10/24 Piedmont Rescue  
Mission Greater Vision Banquet  
6 PM  
10/27 Family Members Meeting  
7 PM

## Give



## Upcoming Events



## Pastors

Gary Hendrix  
Stu Johnston  
Michael Lopes

Stephen Byrd  
Bob Prentice

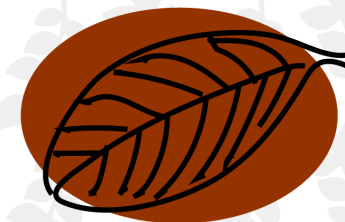
## Service Times

—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  
[www.grbc.net](http://www.grbc.net)

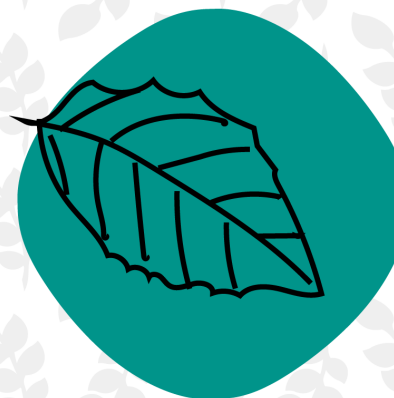


**GRACE**  
REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

October 13, 2019



welcome!  
to GRACE  
REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH



Traducción simultanea  
al español  
disponible en servicios  
de AM y PM

## Morning Worship

### Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Stephen Byrd  
Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven, And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul, The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory, To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, The King of Kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope

### (Chorus 2x)

**Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free**  
**Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me**  
**You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name**  
**Jesus Christ, my living hope**

Then came the morning, that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe, Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me *(repeat verse)*

*Jesus, Yours is the victory!*

### (Chorus 2x)

**Jesus Christ, my living hope, Oh God, you are my living hope**

Text & Music: Phil Wickham & Brian Johnson 2018 Phil Wickham Music (Fair Trade Music Publishing [c/o Essential Music Publishing LLC]) Used by Permission CCLI # 1899094

### Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Preparatory

**Acts 12:1-19, page 920**

**#690 Jesus Paid it All**  
**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!

Words: Aaron Wolfe, Public Domain, 19<sup>th</sup> century Music: Ben Nyce copyright 2003 Bible Revival Ministries  
Used by Permission

### Sermon

**Pastor Bill Hughes**

## Evening Worship

### Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Stephen Byrd  
Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is "Love", who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.

One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

Words: Charitie L. Bancroft Music: Vikki Cook © 1997 PDI Praise Used by Permission CCLI # 1899094

### Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory/Preparatory Sermon Communion

**Mark 2, page 837**

**#681 I Will Sing of My Redeemer**  
**Pastor Michael Lopes**  
**Pastor Michael Lopes**  
**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.

Words and Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
© 2006 Thankyou Music Used by Permission CCLI # 1899094

**#178 O Sacred Head**  
**#580 It is Well**