

Divine Worship

Philippians 3.7-15 “Resurrection Power: The View from Here (5)”

Preparation: Philippians 3.13-15

Silent Meditation

...one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

Call to Worship

Psalm 84.4, 5, 1

Leader:

Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house;
They will still be praising You.
Blessed is the man whose strength *is* in You,
Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage.

All:

How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

Hymn of Praise

“[All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name](#)” vv. 1, 2, 4

Edward Perronet

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
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Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
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Invocation and Call to Confession

Leader:

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and extol Your holy and glorious Name! We come this day to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, to see You in Your glory, and to enter into Your joy and power. Receive us Lord, that You many renew and bless us, as we pause in silence to confess our sins before You. **Hear our silent confessions, O Lord.**

Silent Confession

All

Word of Assurance

Psalm 84.11

Leader:

For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory;
No good *thing* will He withhold

From those who walk uprightly.

All:

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Assurance

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” v. 3

Edward Perronet

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Psalm 84.8 (adapted)

Leader:

O LORD God of hosts, hear our prayers!

Give ear and receive our praise and thanks, O Lord!

All may offer prayers of praise and thanks to the Lord. At the end of these prayers, the Leader shall **lead the people in praying the Lord's Prayer.**

Offerings to the Lord

Leader:

Let us now bring our offerings to honor the Lord and edify one another by His Word: a passage of Scripture which has been particularly helpful; a brief word of praise for some grace of God bestowed; an observation from creation which revealed the glory of the Lord; a word of appreciation for some aspect of the beauty, goodness, or truth of the Lord.

When as many as like have shared, the **Leader shall pray:**

We give You thanks and praise, O Lord, and offer ourselves to You in our confession of faith together (**all together, saying the Apostles' Creed**):

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Doxology

All

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures, here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen!

Prayers of the People

Leader:

Let us bring our prayers and supplications to the Lord.

All may offer prayers of intercession or supplication, seeking mercy and grace to help in our time of need. **At the end, let the Leader and people pray Psalm 84.10, as indicated:**

Leader:

A day in Your courts, O Lord, is better than a thousand days elsewhere!

All:

We would rather be gatekeepers in Your house, O Lord,
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

The Ministry of the Word

Philippians 3.7-15

The Leader will read the passage for today, or ask another to read it.

We have been seated with Christ in heavenly places, at the right hand of God (Ephesians 2.6). The view from here is glorious! Our objective in this series is to understand what it means to live from this place at Jesus' right hand, and to realize all that He has promised and intends to do in and through us.

In his prayer for us in Ephesians 1.15-23, Paul prayed:

- That the eyes of our heart might be opened
- That we might know the hope of His glory
- That we might know the hope of His Kingdom
- And that we might lay hold on the Lord Himself, our great Inheritance of faith

His prayer continues by asking the Lord to help us realize “what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Jesus when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in heavenly places...”

In our text for today, Paul says that he made it his business know Christ and the *power of His resurrection*. Let's reflect on this a bit:

1. What does it mean to *know* Jesus Christ? How can we know that we know Him?

The power of Jesus' resurrection is the power that raised Him from the dead. It is the power that we see at work in the book of Acts – the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. What are some ways that we can see the *power* of Jesus at work in the book of Acts?

Paul says that those who know Jesus may likewise know the *power of His resurrection* – the power that overcame death and the grave to raise Jesus in a glorified new body; the power by which He has been seated at the right

hand of divine power on high. We are seated there with Him, so it makes sense that we should be able to know of that power and tap into it every day.

3. For what do we as believers need this resurrection power each day?

How can we know more of this power? Paul says we must *press on* (v. 12)! Christ has laid hold on us so that we may lay hold on the power of His resurrection for increasing fullness of life in Jesus. Paul mentions three things that are involved in laying hold on this resurrection power:

4. First, we must “apprehend” what that power is, and what it can do in us. How can we grow in such apprehension? How can we gain a clearer vision of the power that is available to us?
5. Second, we must lay aside anything that gets in the way of our knowing more of that power. Such as?
6. Third, we must reach forward “to those things which are ahead.” Recalling our hope of glory, the Kingdom of God, and the inheritance which is ours in Him, what should we be reaching forward to lay hold on day by day?

We need to encourage one another in this high and holy calling, as Paul does in verse 15 of our text. Jesus has risen from the dead! He is seated at the right hand of all power in heaven and earth; and He invites us to take our place with Him and take in the view from there! Power for Kingdom-and-glory living, and for gaining more of God’s Presence and promises, is available to us with Jesus. Let us press on, and encourage one another to press on, so that more of that power can be ours!

Hymn of Commitment **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” vv. 5, 6** **Edward Perronet**

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse’s Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s Rod, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

Benediction

Philippians 3.16 (adapted)

Leader:

We are seated at the right hand of Jesus;
Let us walk according to His rule,
And let us be of the same mind together.

All:

Thanks be to God!

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