

Friday, 7/28

Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30.**

Read **Romans 3:21-31.** Who receives the glory for our salvation? What is it that we have to boast about?

Discuss the righteousness we have in Christ. How is it apart from the law? How do we receive it? How does this highlight the justice of God?

Pray , “Lord, teach us to boast in You. Protect us from boasting in ourselves or in other lesser things. You alone are God. Help us to see You as You are and to give You the praise, adoration, and worship You deserve. Hear our prayer for Christ’s sake and glory. Amen”

Saturday, 7/29

Read tomorrow’s sermon passage **John 17:6-10** and meditate on Christ receiving glory through us. How does that motivate us to serve Him? Are we serving out of fear or out of confidence that the Son has come from the Father for us?

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

Prepare today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

Seek out God and ask him to give us His perspective on the world around us.

Pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and family members who are still strangers to Christ that they will be overcome by His grace.

Taking Gathered Worship Home



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Family and Individual Devotions

Week of July 23, 2006

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

The Gospel of John 17:1-5

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The Son's request for His Father to glorify Him is for Him to pray, "Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven." It is nothing less than the goal established before the foundation of time within the mystery of the Godhead. The Son has perfectly obeyed the Father and now at the appointed time He asks the Father to do what they had agreed for Him to do—be lifted up on a tree for what all the world would see as scorn and shame, but we now know was the radiance of God's own glory. Here we see the nature and character of God. We see salvation worked out gloriously through the Son's loving obedience. We see God. We see His glory. And we worship and adore Him who is above all else.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday, 7/23

Read today's passage: **John 17:1-5** and consider what God's glory means. Read the application questions from your sermon notes handout and discuss them.

Sing the song *I Will Glory in My Redeemer*.¹

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| <p>1. I will glory in my Redeemer Whose priceless blood has ransomed me. Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails And hung Him on that judgment tree. I will glory in my Redeemer Who crushed the power of sin and death; My only Savior before the holy Judge, The Lamb Who is my righteousness, The Lamb Who is my righteousness.</p> | <p>2. I will glory in my Redeemer My life He bought, my love He owns. I have no longings for another I'm satisfied in Him alone. I will glory in my Redeemer His faithfulness, my standing place Though foes are mighty and rush upon me My feet are firm, held by His grace, My feet are firm, held by His grace.</p> |
| <p>3. I will glory in my Redeemer Who carries me on eagle's wings. He crowns my life with lovingkindness His triumph song I'll ever sing. I will glory in my Redeemer</p> | <p>Who waits for me at gates of gold And when He calls me it will be paradise His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.</p> |

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for their resplendent glory. Ask that God will make His glory shine throughout all of Portland, New England, and all the Earth.

Monday, 7/24

Read Exodus 33:12-23. Why did Moses want to see God's glory? How is the character of God described in vv. 19-20 shown in Christ on the cross?

Reflect on the goodness of God in showing us His glory. Consider your own heart's yearning or lack of yearning to know God in the fullness of His glory.

Confess to God your failure to acknowledge your need for him. Declare to

him your weakness, your inability to make it through life without him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Sing *We Bow Down*.²

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| <p>You are Lord of creation And Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heavens Before there was time, And Lord of all lords You will be!</p> | <p>You are King of creation And King of my life, King of the land and the sea. You were King of the heavens Before there was time, And King of all kings You will be!</p> |
| <p>We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)</p> | |
| <p>Lord of all lords You will be!</p> | <p>King of all kings You will be!</p> |

We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)
Lord of all lords you will be!

Tuesday, 7/25

Read Isaiah 43:14-21. Why did God make His people (21)? What are we supposed to do? Who are we to honor?

Pray for Christ to be honored in your life today: "Let me use Your name in worship and praise instead of profanity. Give me boldness to speak Your name to my neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family members. Enable me to speak Your name as a blessing to others. Help me call upon Your name in sincerity and passion. Work in me as I seek to honor Your name today. Show me Lord God, how to honor Your name with my life today."

Wednesday, 7/26

Read John 12:1-11. How does our adoration of Jesus bring Him and the Father glory? What does it mean to put our faith in Him?

Meditate on the fragrance of devotion. How has Christ called you to serve Him today? Consider that He who raised Lazarus from the dead will raise you.

Pray for the courage to give Christ all of your life in devotion and honor. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in you, your family, and your friends.

Thursday, 7/27

Read Psalm 63:1-11. What does it mean to thirst for God? Ask for His Spirit to fill you and refresh you in serving and honoring Him today.

Sing *I will Glory in My Redeemer*.

Pray, "Our Father in heaven, glorify Your name in me today. Bring glory and honor to Your name through the members of CTR. Use us today as a balm for the hurting, a protector for the persecuted, a prophet to those far off from Your presence. Make Your name revered in our city, region, and world. Use us to this end we pray"