



Crossway Multinational Church

We will begin around 10AM
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Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:6

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 Our greeting time will begin shortly, thank you for coming early!

October 18, 2020

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Welcome to Crossway Multinational Church!

We **strive** to be a **church** that is **for, of and by** the peoples of many nations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for church e-mails tiny.cc/cmcontact

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER	18				22	23	24
		25				30	31
NOVEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				18	19		

Zoom breakout sessions after today's service

Prayer Gathering, 4:30 on Zoom (not at the building)

Business Meeting after church

The Lord's Supper

November 22: anniversary service
Annual church meeting

Zoom & in-person Worship Services

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GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and "look around"

- Feel free to use the chat function to greet others too

Waving poll: Give a big wave if ...

- You enjoy working with your hands
- You like to build physical things
- You enjoy cooking
- You enjoy eating
- You long to be nourished by God today

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5

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

English

→ Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
全能真神，萬福源頭，
Quánnéng zhēnshén, wànfú yuántóu,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
懇求使我常歌頌；
kěnjiú shǐ wǒ cháng gēsòng

Fount = source of good
tune = adjust
grace = love and forgiveness

6

streams of mercy, never ceasing,

恩澤無窮，不息湧流，

Ēnzé wúqióng, bù xī yǒngliú,

call for songs of loudest praise.

應當頌讚主恩寵；

yīngdāng sòng zàn zhǔ ēnchǒng

streams = continuous flow
call for = make necessary

7

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

願主教我，優美音樂，

yuànzhǔjiào wǒ, yōuměi yīnyuè,

sung by flaming tongues above;

天使天軍常誦唱；

tiānshǐ tiān jūn cháng sòng chàng;

melodious sonnet = beautiful song
flaming tongues = the voices of angels

8

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
 讚美我主，救恩穩妥，
 zànměi wǒ zhǔ, jiù ēn wěntuǒ,
mount of Thy redeeming love.
 永遠堅定愛深長。
 yǒngyuǎn jiāndìng ài shēncháng

mount = Mount Zion, a sign of God's love
 fixed = staying forever

9

This my glad commemoration
 我要立石，以便以謝，
 Wǒ yào lìshí, yǐbiàn yǐ xiè,
that 'til now I've safely come;
 蒙主幫助到如今；
 méng zhǔ bāngzhù dào rújīn;

commemoration = remembrance
 'til = until

10

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
 尚望恩主，一生導引，
 shàng wàng ēn zhǔ, yīshēng dǎo yǐn,
safely to arrive at home.
 安抵天家蒙福蔭；
 ān dǐ tiān jiā méng fú yīn;

at home = be with God

11

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 我本失喪，遠離父家，
 wǒ běn shī sàng, yuǎnlí fù jiā,
wandering from the fold of God;
 耶穌親自來引路；
 yēsū qīnzì lái yǐnlù;

sought = searched for
 fold of God = within God's protection

12

He, to rescue me from danger,
 恩主救我，免於危險，
 ēn zhǔ jiù wǒ, miǎn yú wéixiǎn,
interposed His precious blood.
 流出寶血洗罪污。
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interposed = inserted for protection
 His precious blood = Jesus' death on the cross

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Oh, to grace how great a debtor
 浩大恩典，每日加添，
Hàodà ēndiǎn, měi rì jiā tiān,
 daily I'm constrained to be!
 主恩難報永虧欠；
zhǔ ēn nán bào yǒng kuīqiàn;

grace = God's great love and forgiveness
debtor = one who owes
constrained = forced (because I daily do wrong)

18

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
 願主恩惠，如鏈相牽，
yuàn zhǔ ēnhuì, rú liàn xiāng qiān,
bind my wandering heart to Thee:
 繫我心與主相連；
xì wǒ xīn yǔ zhǔ xiānglián;

fetter = chain, restraint
bind = fasten

19

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 主我深知，內心軟弱，
zhǔ wǒ shēn zhī, nèixīn ruǎnrào,
prone to leave the God I love:
 總是偏行走己路；
zǒng shì piān xíngzǒu jǐ lù;

Prone = likely to

20

Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
 獻我身心，求加烙印，
xiàn wǒ shēnxīn, qiú jiā làoyìn,
seal it for Thy courts above.
 與主同在蒙祝福。
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Mga Awit 86:1-7 | Psalm 86:1-7 Filipino
Panalangin Upang Tulungan ng Diyos
Isang Panalangin ni David.
 Sa aking dalangin, ako'y iyong dinggin,
 tugunin mo, Yahweh, ang aking pagdaing;
 ako'y mahina na't wala nang tumingin.

A prayer of David.
 Hear me, Lord, and answer me,
 for I am poor and needy.

23

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 Ikaw ang aking Diyos, ako'y kahabagan,
 sa buong maghapo'y siyang tinatawagan.

Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
 save your servant who trusts in you.
 You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord,
 for I call to you all day long.

24

Panginoon, lingkod mo'y dulutan ng galak,
pagkat sa iyo kaluluwa'y tumatawag.

Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.

25

Mapagpatawad ka at napakabuti;
sa dumadalangin at sa nagsisisi,
ang iyong pag-ibig ay mananatili.
Pakinggan mo, Yahweh, ang aking dalangin,
tulungan mo na po, ako'y iyong dinggin.

You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.
Hear my prayer, Lord;
listen to my cry for mercy.

26

Dumaraing ako kapag mayro'ng bagabag,
iyong tinutugon ang aking pagtawag.

When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

distress = worried and in need

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我要向高山舉目 *Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills* Chinese

我要向高山舉目

→ Wo yao xiang gao shan ju mu

Lift my eyes up to the hills.

我的幫助從何來

wo de bang zhu cong he lai?

Where does my help come from?

我的幫助從造天地的耶和華而來

Wo de bang zhu cong zao tian di de Ye he hua er lai,

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Haliluya, Haliluya, Haliluya, Halilu.

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Always Enough	
	Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth. <i>Hosea 6:3</i>
In a dry and weary land	
Lord, You are the rain	
In a <u>sea</u> of <u>shattered ones</u>	
Your love comes rushing in	
sea = vast quantity shattered ones = broken and discouraged people	

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 Lord, You are the rain
 In a sea of shattered ones
 Your love comes rushing in

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 shattered ones = broken and discouraged people

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You hold the world within Your hands
 And see each tear that falls
 Through every fire and every storm
 You're always enough, always enough

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Your love is peace to the broken
 Faith for the widow
 Hope for the orphan
 Strength for the weak
 Your love is the anthem of nations
Rings out through the ages
 And You're always enough for me

anthem = song of joy
 Rings out = Echoes, resounds

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You keep my heart in perfect peace
 My life is in Your hands
 When confusion hides my way
 You're always enough, always enough

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I rejoice, for my Savior reigns
 I rejoice, for He lives in me
 God on high, He has set me free
 And worthy is the Lord
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reigns = rules

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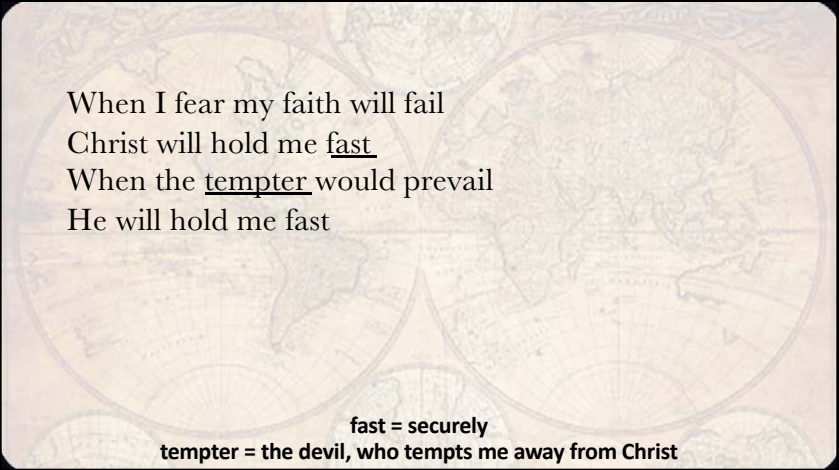
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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
 Christ will hold me fast
 When the tempter would prevail
 He will hold me fast

fast = securely
 tempter = the devil, who tempts me away from Christ

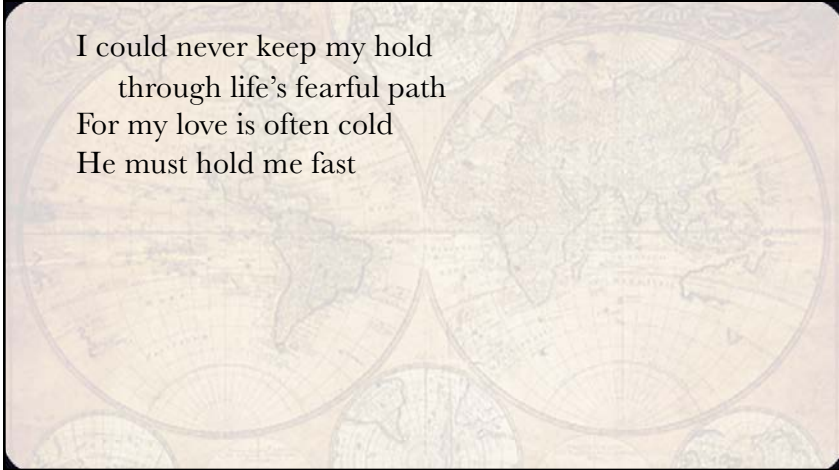
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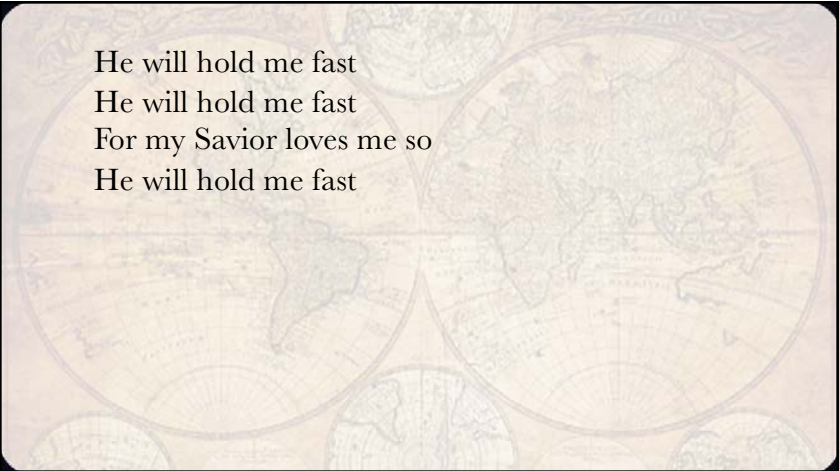
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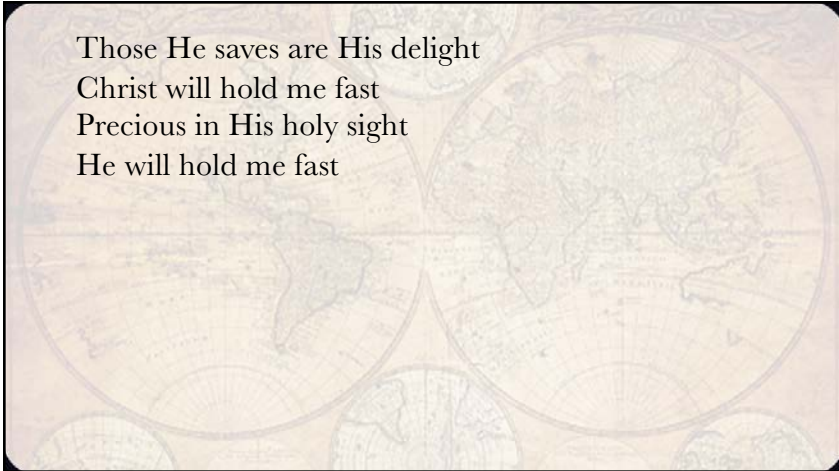
I could never keep my hold
 through life's fearful path
 For my love is often cold
 He must hold me fast

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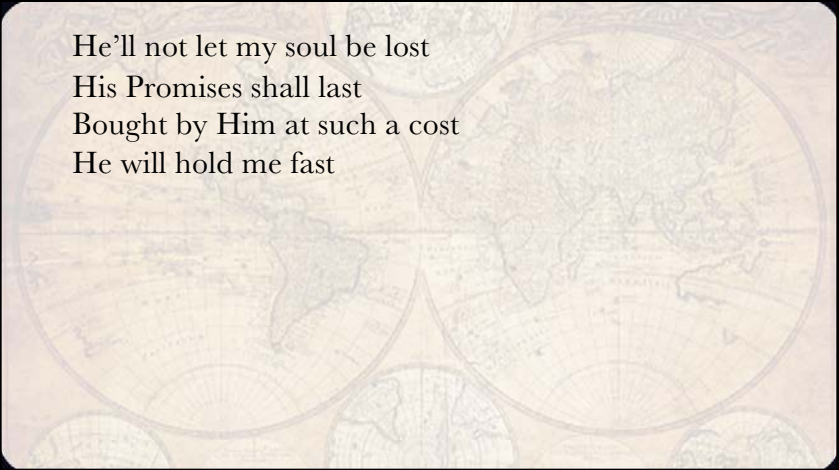
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 For my Savior loves me so
 He will hold me fast

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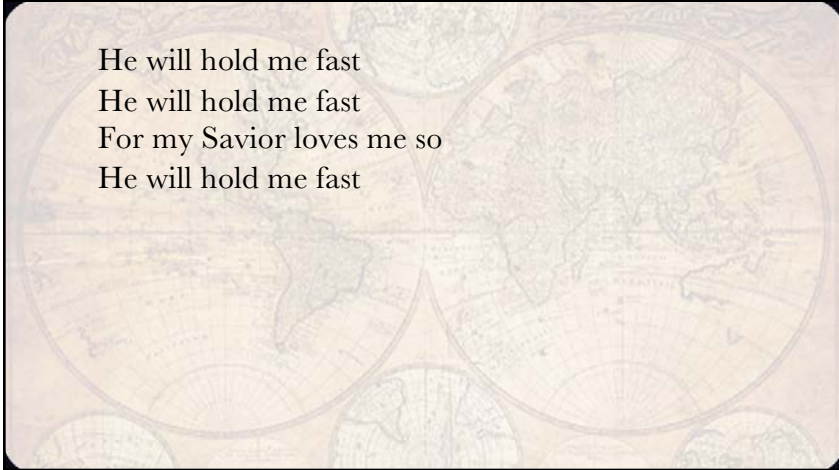
Those He saves are His delight
 Christ will hold me fast
 Precious in His holy sight
 He will hold me fast

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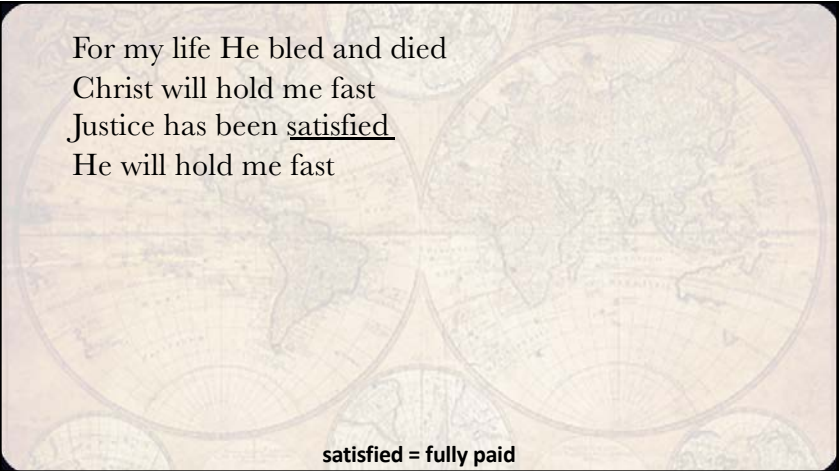
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

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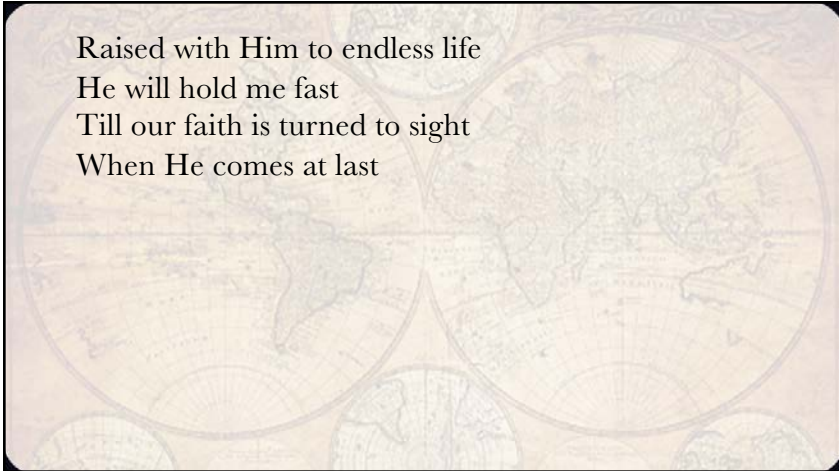
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For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast

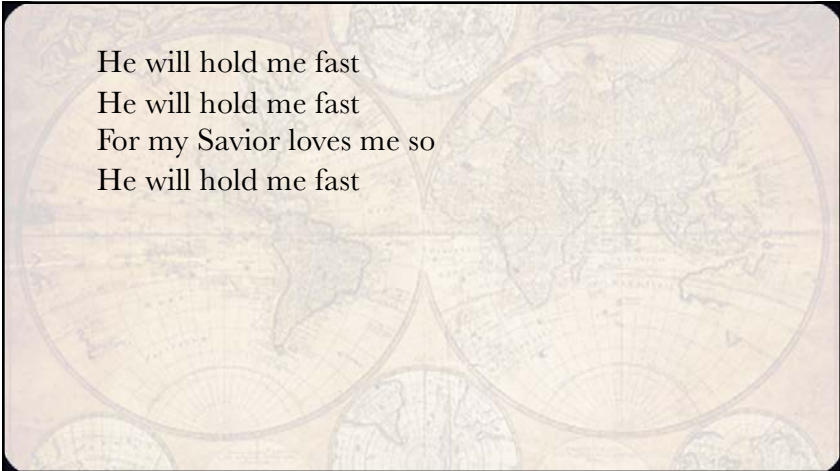
satisfied = fully paid

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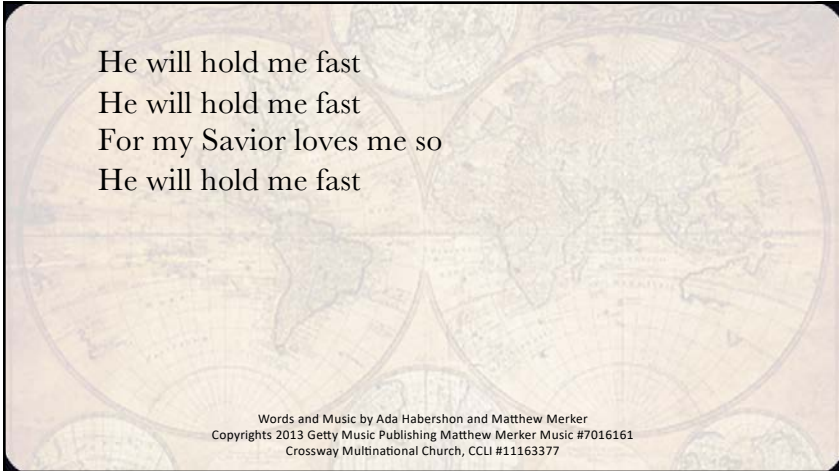
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

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Prayer of Confession & Assurance
Luke 10:25-28

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

inherit = be given
Law = God's written instructions

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Prayer of Confession

He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

Luke 10:25-28

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Words of Assurance

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his love for those who fear him;
 as far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:11-12

transgressions = attitudes, words and actions that go against God's command to love

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You are the perfect and Righteous God

You are the perfect and righteous God
 whose presence bears no sin;
 You bid me come to your holy place;
 how can I enter in
 when your presence bears no sin?

bears no sin = cannot tolerate any wrong
 bid me come = invite me
 holy place = in His presence

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Through him
 who poured out his life for me,
 the atoning Lamb of God,
 through him, and His work alone,
 I boldly come!

poured out his life = willingly died
 atoning Lamb of God = Jesus Christ who brings forgiveness
 boldly = with confidence

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I come by the blood, I come by the cross,
 where your mercy flows
 from hands pierced for me.
 For I dare not stand on my righteousness,
 my every hope rests
 on what Christ has done,
 and I come by the blood.

come by the blood = enter God's presence through Jesus' forgiveness
 hands pierced for me = Jesus' wounds from His crucifixion
 stand on = depend upon
 rests = depends upon
 by the blood = by Jesus' sacrifice in my place

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You are the high and exalted King,
 the One the angels fear;
 so far above me in every way,
 Lord, how can I draw near
 to the One the angels fear?

fear = bow down and worship

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Through him who laid down his life for me
 and ascended to your side,
 through him, through Jesus alone,
 I boldly come.

laid down his life = willingly died
ascended = came to live, and was honored

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Reciprocity

Reciprocity: literally “back and forth”

- Give back what we received
- Like a ball bouncing off a wall

What is a good way that this works in life?

What is a bad way that this works in life?

What is God’s design for how we are to respond to the negative things that come our way?

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Love like God

Luke 6:27-49

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Jesus’ message to His disciples in Luke 6:17-26:

Things are the opposite of what they seem!

Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping, and rejected because of Jesus

Woe to you who are rich, full, laughing, and praised by everyone

The Big Idea:

Those in Christ

who find their blessing in God (rather than earthly riches)
experience present and future joy
in His overwhelmingly generous hand

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pray for those who mistreat you.

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 do not withhold your shirt from them.
 Give to everyone who asks you,
 and if anyone takes what belongs to you,
 do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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Luke 6:32-34

“If you love those who love you,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners love those who love them.
 And if you do good to those who are good to you,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners do that.
 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners lend to sinners,
expecting to be repaid in full.

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Luke 6:35-36

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 will be poured into your lap.
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briers = thornbushes

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Luke 6:27-49

27-31: Treat your enemies the way you treat those you love

- Far beyond “nonretaliation”!
- Love is action more than emotion → illustrations
 - Do good
 - Bless
 - Pray for

32-34: • Accept dishonor
 35-36: • Let them take / Give
 37-42:
 43-45:
 46-49:

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Luke 6:27-49

27-31: Treat your enemies the way you treat those you love

- “Love is hopeful that enemies will change, and not resentful if they do not”
- Wisely...
 - Paul used Roman law to avoid flogging and death
- And radically...
 - Coat and shirt may be all the clothing the poor had
 - So certainly we can love in far less dire circumstances!
- The Golden Rule
 - Treat your enemy the way your close friend treats you

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- Normal pattern for relationships: reciprocity
 - Justice: treat people according to their behavior
 - Love those who love you
 - Even the most evil people do this
 - This is not worthy of praise!
- God’s command is worthy of praise

35-36: • To those who deserve retaliation...
 37-42: show sacrificial kindness
 43-45:
 46-49: reciprocity = treat as you have been treated
retaliation = revenge, harm to the one who has harmed

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 35-36: **Be like God: kind to the ungrateful and wicked**

- Commands restated:
 love, do good, lend without expecting return
- An astounding surprise!
 - **God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked**
 - God’s mercy is for everyone,
 including the “undeserving” (which means us)
 - This is amazing and beautiful and glorious!

37-42: • Children of God are to live like God: be merciful!
 43-45:
 46-49: • This is praiseworthy, and distinctively Christian

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- Reciprocity only works for people who are truly good
 - “An eye for an eye” leads broken people to blindness
 - Forgiveness is the right action by the forgiven
- When we judge we lead others to be judgmental too
- So we need mercy
 - God is abundantly merciful to the merciful

43-45: • To help us remove the plank from our eye...
 46-49: • We, as forgiven people, keep judging others!

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- Our attitudes & actions reveal what is inside us
 - When others are ungrateful and wicked,
it squeezes us, and what is inside comes out
- Our problem is what is inside us
 - It eventually works its way out

46-49:

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46-49: This requires a change of action

- Jesus presents the path of blessing: taking action!
- Benefits show up in storms that will eventually come
 - Especially persecution
 - Everyday life is a time for good actions
 - Everyday life is preparation for harder days

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While Jesus was being crucified, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.


Luke 23:34



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While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.


Acts 7:59-60



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Joseph's brothers had sold him into slavery and they feared Joseph's retaliation when he was in power. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.


Genesis 50:19-21



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Paul's description of his life as an apostle: To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly.

1 Corinthians 4:11-13



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Do not repay anyone evil for evil.... Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
Romans 12:17-21

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Patterns for how we treat others...

Pessimistic
 – Do to others before they do it to us, assuming the worst

Cautious
 – Don't risk kindness until we know if they'll be kind

Cautiously generous
 – Do to others what we hope they'll do to us
 – Until they aren't kind, then do as they do

Truly generous
 – Do to others as **The Golden Rule** we would have them do to us,
no matter what they do

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Who is my enemy?

People who...

- Hate or harm me or people I love
- Curse me or people I love
- Mistreat me or people I love
- Steal from me or people I love
- Dishonor me or people I love
- Are ungrateful for things done for them by me or people I love

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Who is my enemy?

People who don't love me

People I...

- I am pleased when I hear negative reports about them
- I find satisfaction when they do more bad things
- I hope they will encounter trouble in life
- I become unhappy about when they meet good things
- I become happy about when they meet difficulties in life
- I hope they do not try to become my friend
- I don't want to forgive them
- I don't want to sympathize with them
- Whose offenses I don't want to forget

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Who is my enemy?

People who don't love me

People I don't love

Whether...

- A family member or someone I have never met
- Someone in our church, or someone in a previous church
- Someone much more powerful than I... or much lower
- I think I can hide my hate and judgment, or not

Including...

- Politicians and political parties
- Categories of people

Whether a lot or a little...

Jesus said: love them from your heart, and with your actions

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*Application***Love your enemies**

- Do good to them
- Bless
- Pray
- If they take, give more
- Lend without expecting return
- Don't judge
- Don't condemn
- Forgive
- Give generously
- Deal with (admit and fix) my own faults before addressing theirs
- Be like God

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Application

Love your enemies

As Christ has done for us

- “God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.”
- This is what Jesus **did** for you and for me
- This is what Jesus **does** for you and for me
- How much do you and I need this forgiveness?

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Jesus taught:

“Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”...

Jesus replied, “Whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

Luke 7:41-47

How much have you and I been forgiven by Jesus?

denarii = pay for one day of work

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Does this mean we don't pursue correction of systemic and personal injustice and sins?

Sometimes it is right to **overlook** the wrong

- “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” *1 Peter 4:8*

Sometimes it is right to **confront** the wrong

- Always in **love**, with **joy** and **peace**, showing **patience** and **kindness**, doing **goodness**, with **faithfulness**, **gentleness**, and **self-control**
- Never with an attitude of judgment, but in humility
- Never delighting in evil or their loss, but in compassion

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“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.”

James 3:9-10

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**"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"
Pray for your enemies → each day this week
Do good to your enemies → one action this week**

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Prayer of Intercession

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Oh, How Good It Is

Oh, how good it is when the family of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
of acceptance and love
are the fruits of His presence here among us.

bonds of peace = good commitment to each other
fruits = benefits

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So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
and with one heart we'll live out His Word.
Till the whole earth sees
the Redeemer has come
for He dwells in the presence of His people.

Redeemer = Jesus Christ, our rescuer
dwells in the presence of = lives with

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Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,
to rejoice with the happy
and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength,
the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging.

afflicted = someone with suffering or trouble
grace = comfort, strength, hope

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live out His Word = obey God's commands
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Oh, how good it is to embrace His command
to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one,
we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

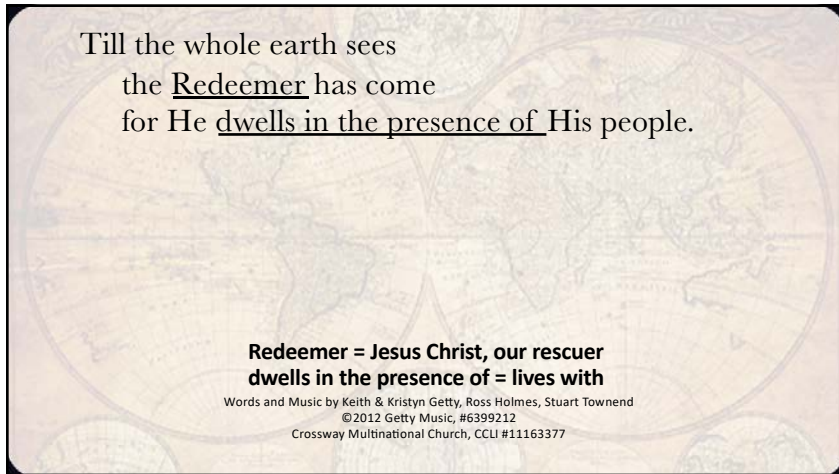
embrace = gladly obey
prefer one another = help others before helping yourself

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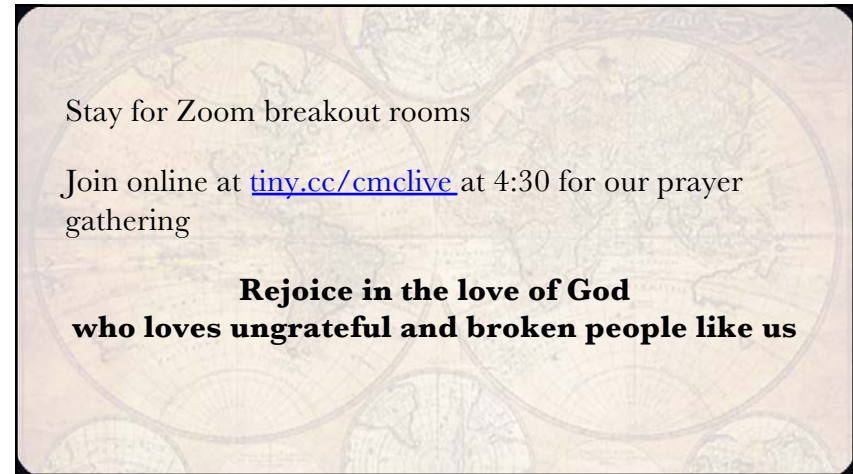


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Join online at tiny.cc/cmclive at 4:30 for our prayer gathering

**Rejoice in the love of God
who loves ungrateful and broken people like us**

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