











GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and "look around" A special welcome to those who are visiting with us today!

Waving poll...

- > You like the weather to be sunny and hot
- > You like the weather to be cloudy and cool
- > You like rain and thunderstorms
- > You or someone (or a pet) in your household is afraid of thunderstorms
- >You are looking forward to refreshment in the presence of God



Псалтирь 47 * Psalm 47

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Russian

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psalm = sacred song



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Nara, Nara eh Narekele Narekele mo

Accept, oh, accept Accept my praise Oh, accept my praise



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depths = shame, guilt, and trouble on high = in glory and power

Out of the <u>depths</u> I cry to You, in darkest places I will call. <u>Incline</u> Your ear to me <u>anew</u>, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

> depths = shame, guilt, and trouble Incline your ear = listen anew = again, as if for the first time

Were You to count my <u>sinful</u> ways, how could I come before Your throne? Yet, full forgiveness meets my <u>gaze</u>, I stand <u>redeemed</u> by <u>grace</u> alone.

> sinful = immoral or disloyal gaze = staring in amazement redeemed = rescued grace = gift of forgiveness and adoption

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I will <u>wait for</u> You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely. I will wait for You, surely wait for You till my soul is <u>satisfied</u>. wait for = trust in satisfied = fully experiences God's love











I wait—my soul <u>waits for</u> the Lord My hope is in His Word More than the watchman waits for <u>dawn</u> My soul waits for the Lord

> wait for = trust in dawn = first light of the sunrise

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You are the perfect and Righteous God

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

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

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Through him who <u>poured out his life</u> for me, the <u>atoning Lamb of God</u>, through him, and His work alone, I <u>boldly</u> come! poured out his life = willingly died

atoning Lamb of God = Jesus Christ

boldly = with confidence





fear = bow down and worship

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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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. Words and Music by Steve & Vikki Cook ©1994 People of Destiny #1469814 Crossway Multinational Church, CCLI #11163377

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Prayer of Confession

And God spoke all these words:

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me."

Exodus 20:1-3

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Words of Assurance

"...for I, the LORD your God, am a <u>jealous</u> God, punishing the children for the <u>sin</u> of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but **showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.**"

Exodus 20:5-6

jealous = passionate for His glory and people's good sin = thoughts, words, or actions that are immoral or disloyal to God

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I am set free, saved from the power of sin. Guilt <u>overcome</u>, your Spirit at work within. You break the <u>chains of the law</u>, I am released from the <u>burden of sin</u>.

> overcome = defeated chains of the law = judgment for wrongdoing burden of sin = guilt and shame





overcome = defeated













A Testimony of God's Work Among Us Angela Wang "Come and hear, all you who f<u>ear G</u>od; let me tell you what he has done for me." *Psalm 66:16*

fear = worship and submit to

Prayer of Intercession

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

As pandemic restrictions ease, take the initiative to be with people

- With other Christians → encourage in the walk with Christ
- With not-yet Christians → let them know the Good News in Christ
- At the same time! So that not-yet Christians would say, "God is really among you!" *1 Corinthians 14:25*

Pray and love and listen...and share your stories of how God is at work

Ideas: Crossway picnic / Crossway Walk / Crossway worship services / Neighborhood block party / Pool party / Casual conversations with people / Life Group hangout or meal / Watching Olympic events / Cookout / ...

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Multi-tasking

What does "multi-tasking" mean?

- When do we apparently do it well?
- When do we not do it well?
 Actually means: paying partial attention well enough that (I think) you can't tell I'm not paying full attention
- Why does it matter?

How might we do that with God?

• Partial trust, partial engagement, partial obedience

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." *Hebrews* 4:12-13



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Luke

Luke's big purpose

• That we would **live by the certainty** that Jesus is the Son of God who lived a perfect life, died for us, and rose to life again to **rule over all creation through His work in the church**

The "Travel Narrative" in Luke (9:51-19:27)

- An advanced class in being a disciple (follower) of Jesus
- **They had learned:** Jesus is God's Messiah, the One who is God and will bring God's Kingdom to humanity
- They hadn't yet learned: how to live it out

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"Jews demand signs ... but we preach Christ crucified" *1 Corinthians 1:22-23*

Like Moses who did great miracles

- before Pharaoh to release the people from slavery
- at the Red Sea
- when the Law was given

Yet Pharaoh's magicians did "miracles" too

So the people said to Jesus: prove your power is from God!





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Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Disconsistent Yow if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your ionowers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. → God's power is present!

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions **Satan** fe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the **Jesus** r in which the man trusted and divides up his <u>plunder</u>.

plunder = people rescued from oppression and evil

Flow of thought in Luke 11:14-36

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Luke 11:29-32 As the crowds increased, Jesus said, "This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah. For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation. The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemi Jonah: resistant Israelite (but can 't stay of the earth to listen to § neutral) rebuked foreigners; they heard the something greater than Word of God and obeyed; they were rescued Nineveh will stand up at Queen of the South: sought and listened to and condemn it, for they words of Israel's King Solomon and now something grea No "signs" were required for their faith! Jesus is far greater, yet people resist Him

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What is filling this life?

- The light of Jesus is present, yet it is blocked and crowded and choked by many things
- The "eye" of life is what fills us
- "But when your eyes are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. See to it, then, that the light within you
- is not darkness." *Luke 11:34–35*
 - Wandering eyes look at the wrong things
 - Diseased eyes block vision, or block clarity, or distort what is there
 - Partial engagement welcomes darkness



What is filling this life?

- "Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." *Luke 11:36*
- "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2

What does it mean for our whole body to be full of the Light of Christ?

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To be filled with the light of Christ is to experience the fullness of His love and blessing, and to escape the efforts of the devil to steal and kill and destroy

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Application

Fill our lives with the Light of Christ

1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit

- "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness (the stronghold of Satan) and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves" Colossians 1:13-14
- "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." *Ephesians 6:12*
- The spiritual realm is real and powerful, both good and evil
 Satan: disguises himself as an angel of light; deceives; is crafty; seeks to steal, kill, and destroy; tries to win by partial victories
 - Jesus 'power is far greater! "someone stronger overpowers him"

Application

Fill our lives with the Light of Christ

- 1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit
 - How?
 - "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior" Thus 3:3-7
 - "Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."" Acts 2:38
 - Our life as Christians is only by the direct work of the Holy Spirit
 - Ask Jesus for the Holy Spirit, and He will freely give
 - Welcome the power of the Spirit in every part of life







Which aspect of God (power, truth, action) is least at home in you Which aspect of you (head, heart, hands) is least filled with God? Which aspect of your life is least filled with God? Our goal: "filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

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Let us live fully in the rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit whom God pours out on us generously in Jesus Christ









Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds. 主請說,更新我心意 Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. 幫助我瞭解,你旨意高深 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time 千古真理,永遠不改變 that will <u>echo down</u> through eternity. 綿延不止息,直到永恆

> grasp = understand and accept echo down = continue to be true and powerful

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