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Tough Questions Christians Face

Christ saves sinners like us to serve as a light that directs others to Him. Fulfilling this call requires us to answer difficult questions such as: Is Jesus the only way to Heaven? Do Christians believe in evolution? Isn’t Christianity just a psychological crutch? If God is sovereign, are we really free? During this semester-long series, we will attempt to address these and other questions by offering biblical answers.

CALL TO WORSHIP ..................................................................................................................... Brett Wynne
Pastoral Intern

SINGING HIS PRAISE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ................................................................. HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o’er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” ................................................................. Charles Wesley, Greg Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, ‘til life’s storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.
Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

‡PRAYER OF ADORATION

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Worshipers at the end of a row should pass the collection bag to those in the row behind them.

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” .............................................. Keith Getty

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my will-ing soul; Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to reveal all I do. Love enough to cover every sin in each God has made. Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come a-thought and deed and atti-tude. Kindness to the greatest church to hun-ger for Your ways. Let the frag-rance of our live in me; give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion and the least; gen-tle-ness that sows that path of peace. Turn my striv-ing prayers a-rise; lead us on the road of sacri-fice, that in uni-

for Your pur-i-ty; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me. in-to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do. ty the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.
HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING. .............................................................. II Thessalonians 1:5-12
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Why Would a Loving God Send People to Hell?
Dick Cain
Pastoral Team Leader

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

“The Wonderful Cross”............................................. Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and blood flow mingled down:
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here, by grace draw near
And bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Chorus
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!
AMEN Clothing Drive Supports Homeless in Memphis

Among the most needy in our community are the homeless, and during the winter months is to participate in the MIFA/MLGW partnership, which allows Rescue Mission are both Christ-centered ministries that for decades have been providing for families in crisis who are in danger of losing their homes due to financial hardship. These funds are transferred directly to MIFA to assist families in crisis who are in danger of losing their homes due to financial hardship.

Donations should be left at the main reception desk at the church as soon as possible.

We've received word that many students at our adopted school do not have adequate outerwear for winter weather. Please help us fill this need by donating gently used or new coats, gloves, hats, and scarves for children, sizes 5 to 14.

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to MIFA's homebound residents during the winter months.

Towel Drive:
Both of these mercy ministries have said that among their most pressing needs for men are clothing and personal hygiene items. The cities of Memphis need our help to meet those immediate needs. Men are helped by Missionaries and Ministers of the chaplains, who work with the men's downtown movement. These need items: disposable diapers, bibs, lotions, and wipes. Contact Ellen Whitten at (901) 272-3274 or ewhitte@mifa.org.

The Christian Worldview

The scholarship is awarded to one or more qualified Christian students majoring in music. The scholarship selection process is accomplished by representatives from the Chapel Class, where Berl and his wife, Edna, were members, the Music Department, and the College Music Scholarship Fund, which complements the Olswanger Fund. For more information, visit 2pc.org/volunteer or call Kim Blankenship at (901) 531-6177.

Getting Connected at Second

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.