

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Ephesians 5:1-2

*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children
and live a life of love,
just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us
as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

BELOVED

Beloved, let us love one another,
For love is of God, and everyone that loveth
Is born of God, and knoweth God.
He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another,
First John four: seven and eight.

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HYMN 317 ~ LOVE LIFTED ME (1-2)

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more.
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me; now safe am I.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give; ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.

PRAYER

ABOVE ALL

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things.
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known,
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, and laid behind the stone,
You lived to die, rejected and alone.
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall, and thought of me,
Above all.

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FOREVER

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.

And by the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

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IS HE WORTHY?

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.**
Is a new creation coming? **It is.**
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst? **It is.**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? **He is.**

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**
Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does.**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son.
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is, He is.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is, He is.
He is worthy! He is worthy!
He is.

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The Freedom from Living in the Love of Jesus

1 John 3:11-17

I. THE PRIORITY OF LOVE (3:11)

A. CONSISTENCY (11^A)

B. COMPASSION (11^B)

II. THE PROBLEM OF EVIL (3:12-15)

A. THE PRESENCE OF EVIL (12)

B. THE PRESENCE OF ENMITY (13-14^A)

C. THE PRACTICE OF ENMITY (14^B-15)

1. The Absence of Love (14^b)

2. The Absence of Life (15)

III. THE PATTERN OF JESUS (3:16-17)

A. LOVE EXPERIENCED (16^A)

B. LOVE EXPRESSED (16^B)

C. LOVE EXEMPLIFIED (17)

HE LOOKED BEYOND MY FAULT

Amazing grace, shall always be my song of praise.
For it was grace that bought my liberty.
I do not know, just why He came to love me so,
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary.
To view the cross, where Jesus died for me.
How marvelous, that Grace that caught my falling soul.
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

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Announcements

Board Meeting: *February 8, 7:00 pm*

The Church Board will meet on Monday evening, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. with Allan Windsheimer giving the devotions.

Men's Fellowship: *February 10, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets at the church in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are beginning our discussion with Acts 17:16.

Praise Team Rehearsal: *February 10, 7:00 pm*

The Praise Team will rehearse this Wednesday evening.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *February 17, 5:30 pm*

Heavenly Heartbeats will continue studying Psalms on Wednesday, February 17. We meet the first and third Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Please contact Arlene Weimer (380-6041 or weimer3138@gmail.com) if you would like to join the study or for information on how to join the study using Zoom.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *March 3, 5:30 pm*

Heavenly Heartbeats will be starting a study on the Minor Prophets on March 3. If you are interested in joining the study, please contact Arlene Weimer (380-6041 or weimer3138@gmail.com). We meet the first and third Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Offerings

Thank you so very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at www.iechurch.org.