

MARCH 28, 2021

**1 Peter 2:9**

*But you are a chosen people,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
a people belonging to God,  
that you may declare the praises of him who called you  
out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

**DEATH WAS ARRESTED**

Alone in my sorrow, and dead in my sin.  
Lost without hope, with no place to begin.  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,  
When death was arrested, and my life began.

***Oh, Your grace so free, washes over me.  
You have made me new, now life begins with You.  
It's Your endless love, pouring down on us,  
You have made us new, now life begins with You.***

Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more.  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend,  
When death was arrested, and my life began.

***Oh, Your grace so free, washes over me.  
You have made me new, now life begins with You.  
It's Your endless love, pouring down on us,  
You have made us new, now life begins with You.***

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross.  
Darkness rejoiced, as though Heaven had lost.  
Then Jesus arose, with our freedom in hand.  
That's when death was arrested, and my life began.

***Oh, Your grace so free, washes over me.  
You have made me new, now life begins with You.  
It's Your endless love, pouring down on us,  
You have made us new, now life begins with You.***

Your love made a way to let mercy come in.  
When death was arrested, and my life began.

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**PRAYER**

**GLORIOUS DAY**

*(Living He Loved Me)*

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,  
One day when sin was as black as could be.  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin.  
Dwelt among men, my example is He.

**Living He loved me, dying He saved me.  
Buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising He justified freely forever.  
One day He's coming!  
O glorious day! O glorious day!**

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected.  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.

**Living He loved me, dying He saved me.  
Buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising He justified freely forever.  
One day He's coming!  
O glorious day! O glorious day!**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.  
One day the stone rolled away from the door.  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered.  
Now is ascended my Lord evermore.

**Living He loved me, dying He saved me.  
Buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising He justified freely forever.  
One day He's coming!  
O glorious day! O glorious day!**

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### **HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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# **Gaining God's Perspective**

## ***John 12:12-19***

### **I. SEEING THROUGH POPULAR PERCEPTION (12:12~13)**

A. DRIVEN BY ENTHUSIASM (12)

B. DRIVEN BY EXPECTATION (13)

### **II. SENSITIVITY TO THE PEACEFUL PRESENTATION (12:14~15)**

A. THE IMAGERY (14A)

B. THE IMPLICATION (14<sup>B</sup>-15)

### **III. STABILIZED IN THE PRESENT PERPLEXITY (12:16)**

A. THE DISCIPLES' CONFUSION (16<sup>A</sup>)

B. THE DISCIPLES' CLARIFICATION (16<sup>B</sup>)

### **IV. SURPRISED BY JESUS' POWER (12:17~19)**

A. PROMPTED BY LAZARUS' RESURRECTION (17-18)

1. *Witnesses (17)*

2. *Wonderers (18)*

B. PROFESSED BY PHARISEES REALIZATION (19)

1. *Blinded by Selfishness (19<sup>a</sup>)*

2. *Befuddled by Jealousy (19<sup>b</sup>)*

## GOD'S NOT DEAD

*(Like A Lion)*

Let love explode and bring the dead to life.

A love so bold, to see a revolution somehow.

Now I'm lost in Your freedom and this world I'll overcome.

My God's not dead. He's surely alive, He's living on the inside.

Roaring like a lion, God's not dead, He's surely alive.

He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion.

Roaring, He's roaring, He's roaring like a lion.

Roaring, He's roaring, He's roaring like a lion.

Let hope arise, and make the darkness hide.

My faith is dead. I need a resurrection somehow.

Now I'm lost in Your freedom and this world I'll overcome.

My God's not dead. He's surely alive, He's living on the inside.

Roaring like a lion, God's not dead, He's surely alive.

He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion.

Roaring, He's roaring, He's roaring like a lion.

Roaring, He's roaring, He's roaring like a lion.

Roaring, He's roaring, He's roaring like a lion!

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## ***Announcements***

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### **Men's Fellowship:** *March 31, 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 19:21.

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### **Praise Team Rehearsal:** *March 31, 7:00 pm*

The Praise Team will rehearse this Wednesday evening.

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### **Maundy Thursday Service:** *April 1, 7:00 am*

On Thursday evening, April 1, we will reflect upon and remember our Lord's suffering as He approached the cross. We will celebrate Communion together as part of this service. It is meaningful to have our church family participate so, if you have a special piece of music or song, then please let Pastor Tolson or Cindy Lind know.

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### **Easter Communion Service:** *April 4, 9:45 am*

We will celebrate the resurrection of our Savior next Sunday morning, April 4, at 9:45 a.m. We will celebrate Communion together during the service.

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### **Heavenly Heartbeats:** *April 7, 5:30 pm*

Heavenly Heartbeats is studying the Minor Prophets on April 7. 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.

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### **VBS:** *May 24-28*

We are hoping to have our vacation bible school the week of May 24-28 from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm. I am looking for helpers. If you could please let me know what you would be interested in, I would really appreciate it. We need crafts, snacks, music, group leaders, decorations. Our theme is "Concrete and

Cranes.” Also, if there is someone who would like to partner with me this year and learn the ropes, I would like to pass this opportunity along to someone else after this year. ~ Ceri Middlemist

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## **Offerings**

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