

## Pastor's Bible Study

February 25, 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday *in* Lent

### 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

### **Read Genesis 12:1-9:**

1. Why did the Lord choose Abram?
2. What convinced Abram to follow God's directions?
3. How do we see verses 2-3 play out in the Biblical story?
4. This text doesn't specifically mention water nor has Christ instituted Holy Baptism at this point however do you see connections to Baptism?
5. If we do indeed see allusions to Baptism (which I would suggest there are) what does this say about our God?

### **Romans 4:1-8, 13-17:**

1. What are the Scripture references Paul is borrowing here?
2. Let's be clear, how do we defend that faith isn't a work?
3. What is so important about Paul's argument that we're justified by faith?

### **John 3:1-17:**

1. Who is Nicodemus according to this passage? Do we know anything else about him?
2. Does this passage remind you anything else we read from John, say around Christmas time? How so?
3. John is known for his use of themes, does his language here in this passage connect you to other themes that you know of from the Gospel of John?

### **Devotional Thought:**

Nicodemus, though "the teacher of Israel," shows that he cannot comprehend the Spirit's miraculous work of new birth through Baptism. Human reason, darkened by sin, cannot accept that God can grant spiritual rebirth through ordinary water used with His Word. But such a great promise has come from none other than the Son of Man, lifted up on the cross for our salvation! (*TLSB, 1783*)

### **Prayer:**

O Holy Spirit, I praise You that You have given me new birth to a living hope through Christ's resurrection. (*TLSB, 1783*)

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.