



# 1 & 2 Samuel



THE HOPE OF A BETTER KING



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## **WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP: "PHILIPPIANS 2:8-11"**

**8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: "ALL HAIL KING JESUS"**

There was a moment when the lights went out  
when death had claimed its victory  
The King of Love had given up His life, the darkest day in history

There on a cross they made for sinners, for every curse His blood atoned  
One final breath and it was finished, but not the end we could have known  
For the earth began to shake and the veil was torn  
What sacrifice was made as the heavens roared

#### **Chorus**

All hail King Jesus, all hail the Lord of Heaven and earth  
All hail King Jesus, all hail the Savior of the world

There was a moment when the sky lit up, a flash of light breaking through  
When all was lost He crossed eternity, the King of life was on the move  
For in a dark, cold tomb where our Lord was laid  
One miraculous breath and we're forever changed - **Chorus 2x**

Let every knee, come bow before the King of Kings  
Let every tongue, confess that He is Lord  
Lift up your shout, let us join with all of Heaven singing  
Holy, singin' Holy  
Cry out Holy, singin' Holy - **Chorus**

# WE MOURN THE REALITY OF SIN

## HYMN OF CONFESSION: "ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST"

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life, Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own, A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

### **Chorus**

Hallelujah all I have is Christ, Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands, Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life, In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be, My only boast is You - **Chorus**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 61:1-4 Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; 2 from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, 3 for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. 4 Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!

Father, even though you are faithful and trustworthy I often doubt your goodness.

**I confess that I often neglect You, allowing fear and worry to consume me. I do not always trust in Your strength, attempting to handle things in my own strength.**

I confess my lack of faithfulness. Yet, I trust in Your unwavering love and mercy. Restore me, let me dwell in Your tent forever, and hide me under the refuge of Your wings. In Christ I pray, Amen.

# WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

## HYMN OF REDEMPTION: "MADE ALIVE"

I once was dead in sin, alone and hopeless  
A child of wrath I walked, condemned in darkness  
But Your mercy brought new life, and in Your loving kindness  
Raised me up with Christ, and made me righteous

### **Chorus**

You have bought me back, with the riches of Your amazing grace  
And relentless love, I'm made alive forever with You  
Life forever (by Your grace I'm saved) By Your grace I'm saved

Lord You are the light that broke the darkness  
You satisfy my soul when I am heartless  
If ever I forget my true identity  
Show me who I am and help me to believe - **Chorus**

### **Bridge (2x)**

My sin has been erased, I'll never be the same - **Chorus**

## 5-MINUTE BREAK

In addition to taking children to Ridge Kids and using the restroom, take time to meet/greet one another. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

**SCRIPTURE READING: “1 SAMUEL 3:1 – 4:1A (STOPPING AT “AND THE WORD OF SAMUEL CAME TO ALL ISRAEL”) ”**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

**2** At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

**4** Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” **5** and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

**6** And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

**8** And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**10** And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” **11** Then the Lord said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. **12** On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. **13** And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. **14** Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”

**15** Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. **16** But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.”

**17** And Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” **18** So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him.”

**19** And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. **20** And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord. **21** And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

**4:1** - And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

## **SERMON: "SAMUEL'S CALL, OUR RESPONSE"**

**DAVIS LACEY - 1 SAMUEL 3:1 - 4:1A**

**Main point:** The Word of God establishes the People of God in the Presence of God.

**Leviticus 24:2-3:** <sup>2</sup> *“Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil from beaten olives for the lamp, that a light may be kept burning regularly. <sup>3</sup> Outside the veil of the testimony, in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall arrange it from evening to morning before the Lord regularly. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.”*

**John 1:14:** *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son<sup>[a]</sup> from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

**John 1:18:** *“No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who<sup>[a]</sup> is at the Father's side,<sup>[a]</sup> he has made him known.”*

**John 14:26:** *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”*

### **Applications:**

- 1. Follow Jesus** (see Acts 4:12)
- 2. Enjoy the Scriptures** (check out the Seeing Jesus Together reading schedule)
- 3. Proclaim God's Word** (see 1 Peter 2:9)

# WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

## HYMN OF RESPONSE: "NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD"

Your blood speaks a better word  
Than all the empty claims, I've heard upon this earth  
Speaks righteousness for me and stands in my defense  
Jesus its Your blood, Your blood

### **Chorus**

What can wash away our sins, what can make us whole again  
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can wash us pure as snow, welcomed as the friends of God  
Nothing but Your blood, nothing but Your blood King Jesus

Your cross testifies in grace  
Tells of the Fathers heart to make a way for us  
Now boldly we approach, not through earthly confidence  
Its only by Your blood - **Chorus**

Praise You for the blood, yes we praise You for the blood  
Nothing but the blood, nothing but Your blood King Jesus  
Praise You for the blood, yes we praise You for the blood  
Nothing but the blood, nothing but Your blood King Jesus

## HYMN OF NEW CREATION: "HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!"

Man of Sorrows! what a name, For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood  
He sealed my pardon with His blood, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless me; Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in Heaven exalted high, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring  
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

# WAYS TO GIVE

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- **Stock:** arrangements for donation of stock can also be made by contacting Jill Connor with Charles Schwab at [jconner@jamisonwealth.com](mailto:jconner@jamisonwealth.com) or (678) 273-7320.

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## **Roster of Missional Communities**

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### **Sunday Mornings (8:45a)**

Scott and Jeannie Miller (jeanniem165@gmail.com | 678.320.8310)

Doug and Leigh Colburn (770.364.5325) and Janice and Randy Durden (706.273.9147)

Bryan and Shannon Thomas ([StPatrick1330@yahoo.com](mailto:StPatrick1330@yahoo.com) | Bryan: 808-342-4288 | Shannon: 808-342-4287)

### **Sunday Afternoons (1-2:30p at the Kiscunas')**

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### **Wednesday Evenings (5:30p)**

Damon and Samantha Gabriel (404-408-0673 | [samantha@artfulellijay.com](mailto:samantha@artfulellijay.com))

## **NEW WITH US? GET CONNECTED!**

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## **UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:**

Grab a Missions Memo to keep up with other dates/opportunities to be involved

### **Ridgelines Class:**

Would you like to learn more about Autumn Ridge Community Church? Participate in our Ridgelines Class! The class is four sessions, and sessions will be taught in rotation during the months of February and March. It's part of the process of joining covenant membership of Autumn Ridge Community Church, and it will present an in-depth look at who we are, what we do, why we hold to certain beliefs and distinctives, and how we are structured. **RSVP using the QR code below!**



