

#### 4. THE RESULT OF CHARACTER – vv 8-10

- a. Reality of Personal Growth
- b. Tragedy of Lack of Character
- c. Testimony of Godly Character

#### 5. THE FOCUS OF CHARACTER – v 11



*Congregational Singing: "O Great God"*

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VERSE 1

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart,  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me. Make me Yours forevermore.

VERSE 2

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys;  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,  
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

VERSE 3

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace;  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

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#### *Closing Thoughts and Benediction*

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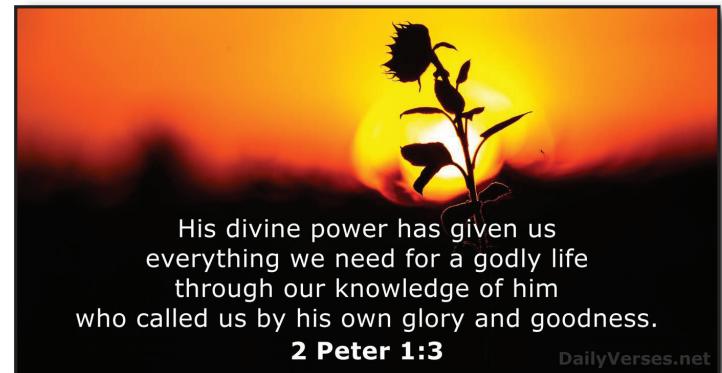
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His divine power has given us  
everything we need for a godly life  
through our knowledge of him  
who called us by his own glory and goodness.

**2 Peter 1:3**

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#### WORSHIP SHEET for the WORSHIP SERVICE of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

September 24, 2023

*Welcome*

Ken Hunt

*Call to Worship*

Dave DeGear

*Congregational Singing: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn 3*

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VERSE 1

Holy, holy, holy! LORD God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

VERSE 2

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

VERSE 3

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy – there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, in purity.

VERSE 4

Holy, holy, holy! LORD God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## *Congregational Singing: "It Was Finished Upon that Cross"*

TEXT and MUSIC, Nigel Hendroff, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson; arr., Aaron Blumer.  
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### VERSE 1

How I love the voice of Jesus. On the cross of Calvary  
He declares His work is finished. He has spoken this hope to me.  
Though the sun had ceased its shining,  
    // though the war appeared as lost,  
Christ has triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that cross.

### VERSE 2

Now the curse it has been broken. Jesus paid the price for me.  
Full! the pardon He has offered. Great! the welcome that I receive.  
Boldly I approach my Father,  
    // clothed in Jesus' righteousness.

There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that cross.

### VERSE 3

Death was once my great opponent. Fear once had a hold on me.  
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!  
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

### VERSE 4

Free from every plan of darkness.  
    // Free to live and free to love.  
Death is dead and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that cross.  
Onward to eternal glory,  
    // to my Saviour and my God.  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory. It was finished upon that cross!

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## *Scripture Reading – 1 Chronicles 16:23-36*

Charles Brandt

## *Pastoral Prayer*

Pastor Kevin Morris

## *Offertory — Congregational Singing: "We Are Called to Be God's People"*

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### VERSE 1

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace;  
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;  
Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.

### VERSE 2

We are called to be God's servants, working in His world today;  
Taking His own task upon us, all His sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to His summons, dedicate to Him our all  
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call.

### VERSE 3

We are called to be God's vessels speaking for the truth  
    and right;  
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light.  
Let us seek the courage needed our high calling to fulfill  
That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

## *Message*

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

## **THE CALL FOR GODLY CHARACTER** 2 PETER 1:1-11

### 1. THE ETCHING OF CHARACTER – vv 1-2

- a. Of Equal Standing
- b. Of Righteousness
- c. Of Grace and Peace
- d. Of Knowledge of God and of Jesus

### 2. THE ENABLEMENT OF CHARACTER – vv 3-4

- a. Granted by Divine Power
- b. Sufficient for Living
- c. Identified by Knowledge
- d. Caused by a Call

### 3. THE CHOREOGRAPHY OF CHARACTER – vv 5-7

- a. Virtue / Excellence
- b. Knowledge
- c. Self-Control
- d. Steadfastness
- e. Godly
- f. Brotherly Affection
- g. Love