

*Congregational Singing: "He Will Hold Me Fast" Grace Hymn 388*

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VERSE 1

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

CHORUS

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.

VERSE 2

Those He saves are His delight. Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 3

For my life He bled and died. Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Til our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last!

[sing CHORUS]

*Closing Thoughts and Benediction*



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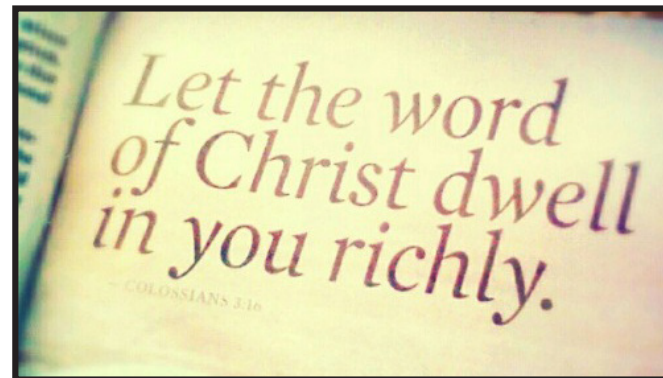
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*Congregational Singing: "Rejoice, the LORD is King" Hymn 370*

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VERSE 1

Rejoice, the LORD is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!

VERSE 2

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love.  
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above.  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!

VERSE 3

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n.  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!

VERSE 4

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come  
And take His servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!

## *Congregational Singing: “Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”*

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### VERSE 1

Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!  
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

### VERSE 2

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man,  
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law. In Him we stand.

### VERSE 3

Come, behold the wondrous mystery – Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption. See the Father’s plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

### VERSE 4

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e’er restrain Him. Praise the LORD, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv’rance! How unwavering our hope!  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

*Scripture Reading* – 1 John 4:7-12

Jason Fiedler

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dave DeGear

*Offertory — Congregational Singing: “All I Have Is Christ” Grace Hymn 389*

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### VERSE 1

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.

### VERSE 2

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.

### VERSE 4

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!”

[repeat CHORUS 2x]

*Message*

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

## FIRST AND FOREMOST: JESUS CHRIST A ROSTER OF TESTIMONIES TO CHRIST’S PREEMINENCE

Colossians 4:7-18

Several men in Paul’s acquaintance demonstrated Christ’s preeminence in their lives.

### 1. FELLOW MEN, “BELOVED AND FAITHFUL”

#### a. Tychicus – vv 7-8

(1.) Description – Matthew 3:17; 1 John 4:11-12

(2.) Mission

#### b. Onesimus – v 9

(1.) Description

(2.) Mission

### 2. FELLOW MEN “OF THE CIRCUMCISION” – vv 10-11

#### a. Aristarchus

#### b. Mark

#### c. Jesus / Justus

### 3. HOME-TOWN BOY: EPAPHRAS – vv 12-13

#### a. Native: One of You – Colossians 1:7-8

#### b. Of Colossae

#### c. Agonizing, Prayerful Heart – 1 Corinthians 15:58

### 4. GENTILE CO-WORKERS – v 14

### 5. ENCOURAGEMENT TO GREET NEARBY CHURCHES – vv 15-17

### 6. CONCLUSION OF THE LETTER – v 18

*Our Own Testimonies Regarding Paul’s Letter*