

3. Jesus' Teaching Is Always Underestimated
 - a. Explanation of the Final Soil — Mark 4:20
 - b. Transformation from the Final Soil — Galatians 5:19-23, Ephesians 2:10
 - c. Being Those of the Final Soil



Congregational Singing: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" Baptist Hymnal 320
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VERSE 1

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
 No light in the darkness you see?
 There's light for a look at the Savior
 And life more abundant and free!

CHORUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
 Look full in His wonderful face
 And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
 In the light of His glory and grace.

VERSE 2

Through death into life everlasting
 He passed, and we follow Him there.
 O'er us sin no more hath dominion
 For more than conq'rors we are!

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 3

His word shall not fail you – He promised;
 Believe Him and all will be well,
 Then go to a world that is dying
 His perfect salvation to tell!

[sing CHORUS 2X]

Closing Thoughts and Benediction



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Welcome

Pastor Alex Metras

Call to Worship

Pastor Kevin Morris

Congregational Singing: "There Is One Gospel"

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VERSE 1

There is one gospel on which I stand for all eternity.
 It is my story, my Father's plan: the Son has rescued me.
 Oh, what a gospel! Oh, what a peace!
 My highest joy and my deepest need.
 Now and forever He is my light. I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

VERSE 2

There is one gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
 For there, where justice and mercy meet, He saved me on the cross.
 No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin
 For He has brought me from death to life.
 I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

VERSE 3

There is one gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks
 For death could not keep my Savior down. He lives and I am free.
 Now on my Savior I fix my eyes, my life is His and His hope is mine
 For He has promised I, too, will rise.
 I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

VERSE 4

And in this gospel the church is one, we do not walk alone.
 We have His Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home.
 (*)And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me.
 Praise to my Savior, the King of life.
 I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ. [repeat from (*)]

TAG

I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Congregational Singing: "The Church's One Foundation" Hymn 401

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VERSE 1

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

VERSE 2

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

VERSE 3

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

VERSE 4

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won –
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Scripture Reading – Mark 4:1-9

Keith Kruizenga

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

Offertory – Congregational Singing: "Show Us Christ"

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VERSE 1

Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.
Plant Your word down deep in us; cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in Your truth.

CHORUS

Show us Christ. Show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

VERSE 2

Your word is living light upon our darkened eyes;
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,
Riches for the needy soul. Come speak to us today.

[sing CHORUS 2X]

Message

Pastor Alex Metras

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS

Mark 4:1-20

In highlighting the Parable of the Soils, Mark illustrates three important characteristics of Jesus' teaching.

1. Jesus' Teaching Can Be Understood
 - a. He Knows It Can Be Understood — Mark 4:3, 9
 - b. He Explains Why It Can Be Understood — Mark 4:11; Ephesians 1:9-10, 1 Corinthians 2
 - c. He Explains Not All People Will Understand — Mark 4:11
 - d. Jesus' Teachings Are Hard — Mark 4:12-13; Isaiah 6:9
2. Jesus' Teaching Can Be Undermined
 - a. He Identifies the Sower and the Seed – John 1:14
 - b. He Explains How His Teaching Is Undermined
 - (1.) The Hardened Soil – Mark 4:15
 - (2.) The Question to Ask Ourselves: "Am I like this soil?"
 - (3.) The Rocky Soil – Mark 4:16-17
 - (4.) The Question to Ask Ourselves: "Is my heart shallow?" – James 1:22
 - (5.) The Thorny Soil – Mark 4:18-19
 - (6.) The Question to Ask Ourselves: "What thorns do I wrestle against?"
 - c. He Explains Who Ultimately Undermines His Teaching