

But . . . once the barrier was removed that separated the Jews and Gentiles, all the laws which were founded on such a distinction, and which were framed to keep up such a distinction, passed away.

ALBERT BARNES



THE LORD'S DAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

The God Who Cleanses Anyone by Faith

Scripture for Meditation *Acts 15:8–9*

And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

Call to Worship

By Faith

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand –
A place where peace and justice reign.

Refrain:

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

Refrain

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By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Refrain

Offertory Hymn of Unity *The Church's One Foundation*

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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.

Elect from ev'ry 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 ev'ry grace endued.

'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 blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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.

Prayer of Blessing

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 10:10–11; 11:41–47

You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, and you are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the Lord has spoken to them by Moses.

Every swarming thing that swarms on the ground is detestable; it shall not be eaten. Whatever goes on its belly, and whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet, any swarming thing that swarms on the ground, you shall not eat, for they are detestable. You shall not make yourselves detestable with any swarming thing that swarms, and you shall not defile yourselves with them, and become unclean through them.

For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.

You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.

For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

This is the law about beast and bird and every living creature that moves through the waters and every creature that swarms on the ground, to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creature that may be eaten and the living creature that may not be eaten.

Hymn of Confession

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

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Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus—the path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus we will gladly live our lives.

Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 11:32–36

God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.
Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory
forever. Amen.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Pardon

Romans Doxology

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Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How unsearchable are His ways.
How profound are his judgments, so high above our thoughts,
And His pathways no man can trace.

Refrain:

For from him and through him, and to Him are all things,
To Him be glory forevermore. To him be glory forever.
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How magnificent are His ways.
Who has been His advisor and who has counseled Him,
All He gives us who can repay.

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How immeasurable is His grace.
How unfailing His kindness, so far removed His wrath,
And His mercies are new each day.

Dismissal for Children

During this next song, children ages 3 – K5 may be dismissed for children's classes downstairs.

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Hymn of Praise

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
I come with your righteousness on, my humble off’ring to bring.
The judgments of Your holy law with me can have nothing to do;
My Savior’s obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which Your goodness began, the arm of Your strength will
complete;
Your promise is yes and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
The future or things that are now, no power below or above,
Can make You Your purpose forgo, or sever my soul from Your love.

My name from the palms of Your hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on Your heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end will endure, until I bow down at Your throne;
Forever and always secure, a debtor to mercy alone.

Ministry of the Word

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Announcements

AUGUST

2nd–Sept 6th | Children’s Classes Break

19th | Members’ Meeting

23rd | Children’s Ministry Training

28th-29th | Membership Classes

SEPTEMBER

13th | Promotion Sunday

13th | Fall Discipleship Classes begin

13th | Potluck/Fellowship

MINISTERS

The congregation at large

PASTORS

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Brad Baugham

Will Coen

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Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

Brad Baugham, *Teaching Pastor*

Sunday Service Times

9:15 am — Corporate Prayer Service

10:30 am — Corporate Worship Service

A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com