

If a seminary graduate is of average gifts, we think he should pastor a church. If he has above-average gifts, we think he should pastor a large church. But if he has exceptional gifts, we think he should teach in seminary. I say in schools of theology that this is not the way it should be.

In my view, the worst should teach, the more gifted men should pastor churches, and the very best should be missionaries. Paul and Barnabas were the best and they were missionaries.

JAMES BOICE



THE LORD'S DAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Proclaiming His Death Until He Comes

Scripture for Meditation *3 John 5–8*

Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

Call to Worship

We Rest on Thee

*Edith Gilling Cherry,
1872-1897*

We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
We rest on thee, and in thy name we go;
Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.

Yes, in thy name, O Captain of salvation!
In thy dear name, all other names above:
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love,
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day thy grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go”;
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors, we rest with thee, through endless days;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors, we rest with thee, through endless days.

In an effort to promote religious unity in the Palatinate province of Germany, Frederick III instigated the writing of this Catechism. Reflecting the collaborative authorship of Zacharias Ursinus, Caspar Olevianus, and others, the first edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, named for the city in which it was written, reached publication in 1563.

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Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Hymn of Hope

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand?

What comes apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ in which we stand.

Chorus:

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore,
The rock of Christ?

Chorus:

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:
Christ our hope in life and death.*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
Christ, He lives! Christ, he lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord;
Then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus:

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:
Christ our hope in life and death.*

(repeat)

*Now and ever we confess:
Christ our hope in life and death.*

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 87

On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

**Glorious things of you are spoken,
O city of God. Selah**

Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon;
behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush—

“This one was born there,” they say.

And of Zion it shall be said,

“This one and that one were born in her”;
for the Most High himself will establish her.

The Lord records as he registers the peoples,

“This one was born there.” Selah

Singers and dancers alike say,

“All my springs are in you.”

Dismissal for Children

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

Hymn of Zion

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!

He, Whose Word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love;
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Savior, if of Zion's city,
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

Challenge to the Church

Brad Baugham

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

The Lord's Supper

Presentation of the Bread *How Sweet and Awful Is the Place*

How sweet and awful is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores!

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry with thankful tongues,
“Lord, why was I a guest?

“Why was I made to hear thy voice,
And enter while there’s room?
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come.”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast,
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
Constrain the earth to come;
Send thy victorious word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see thy churches full,
That all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing thy redeeming grace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Presentation of the Cup *The Solid Rock*

Edward Mote,
1797-1874

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Cup

Hymn of Anticipation

Thou Art Coming, O My Saviour

1. Thou art com - ing, O my Sav - iour! Thou art com - ing, O my King!
2. Thou art com - ing, Thou art com - ing; We shall meet Thee on Thy way,
3. Thou art com - ing, we are wait - ing With a hope that can - not fail,
4. O the joy to see thee reign - ing, Thee our own be - lov - ed Lord!

In Thy beau - ty all - re - splen - dent, In Thy glo - ry all - tran - scen - dent:
We shall see Thee, we shall know Thee We shall bless Thee, we shall show Thee
Ask - ing not the day or hour, Rest - ing on Thy word of pow - er,
Ev - ery tongue Thy name con - fess - ing, Wor - ship, hon - our, glo - ry, bless - ing

Well may we re - joice and sing; Com - ing! In the o - p'ning East
All our hearts could nev - er say; What an an - them that will be
An - chored safe with - in the veil. Time ap - point - ed may be long,
Brought to Thee with one ac - cord; Thee our Mas - ter and our Friend,

Her - ald bright - ness slow - ly swells; Com - ing! O my
Ring - ing out our love to Thee, Pour - ing out our
But the vi - sion must be sure; Cer - tain - ty shall
Vin - di - cat - ed, and en - throned, Un - to earth's re -

glo - rious Priest, Hear we not Thy gold - en bells?
 rap - ture sweet, At Thine own all - glo - rious feet.
 make us strong, Joy - ful pa - tience can en - dure.
 -mot - est end Glo - ri - fied, a - dored, and owned!

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Challenge to the Farmers

JD Crowley

Prayers of Commissioning and Laying on of Hands

EBC Elders

Hymn of Response

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken?

(We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

(We do)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?

(We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

(We do)

Is all creation groaning?

(It is)

Is a new creation coming?

(It is)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

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(It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

(It is)

Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy of this?

He is.

Does the Father truly love us?

(He does)

Does the Spirit move among us?

(He does)

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves?

(He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

(He does)

Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe

Every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God

To reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is!
He is!

Announcements

SEPTEMBER

13th | Promotion Sunday

13th | Fall Discipleship Classes begin

13th | Potluck/Fellowship

16th | Members' Meeting

23rd | Shepherdding Groups

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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 — Discipleship Classes

10:00 am — Corporate Prayer Service

10:45 am — Corporate Worship Service

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