

Our Privilege: The Holy Spirit's Witnessing with Many Words

Luke 4:14-22 & Hebrews 10:15-17

God's promise in the Gospel is that, "He will remember our sins no more."
This is a promise, as Professor Hywel Jones' points out, that is ...

"... given formally by the Spirit, once in Jeremiah 31 and once in Hebrews 8, (and then) by the Spirit again in Hebrews 10, speaking to the troubled conscience, pacifying it. Where such forgiveness is given, there is no need for further sacrifice and the worshipper knows it. The burdened sinner becomes a willing servant – for ever."

Of course, such knowledge that our sins are once-and-for-all forgiven is a conviction arising from our doctrine of Scripture. *We experience the reassuring power of God's Word* when we by faith bow before the fact of the *inspiration* of God's Word in its entirety.

We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverend esteem of the Holy Scripture. (1 Tim. 3:15) And the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God: yet notwithstanding, **our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.** (1 John. 2:20, John 16:13-14, 1 Cor. 2:10-12, Isa. 59:21) (WCF chapter I paragraph 5)

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LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

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GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude, Reflection

Salutation

Call to Worship

Acts 5:27-33 (p 1085 pew Bible)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPONSE

* Opening Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
376 Trinity Hymnal (all verses)

1 Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

2 Lord, my God, I come before thee, come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine,
howsoe'er temptations thicken; may thy Word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in my strife.**

* Invocation & Lord's Prayer

God's Law

Psalm 91:1-16
(p 588 pew Bible)

Confession of Sin (unison)

Psalm 73:1-3 & 73:21-22
(p 574 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 73:14-17
(p 575 pew Bible)

* Song of Response

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

1 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.

2 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)

3 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)**
[repeat last line] Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

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Congregational Prayer

Prayer of Dedication & Offering

Offertory Hymn

Mercies Anew

12 *Covenant Praises* (all verses)

1 Ev'ry morning that breaks There are mercies anew
Ev'ry breath that I take Is Your faithfulness proved
And at the end of each day When my labors are through
I will sing of Your mercies anew

2 When I've fallen and strayed There were mercies anew
For You sought me in love And my heart You pursued
In the face of my sin Lord You never withdrew
I will sing of Your mercies anew

Bridge

And Your mercies they will never end For ten thousand years they remain
And when this world's beauty has passed away Your mercies will be unchanged

3 And when the storms swirl and rage There are mercies anew
In affliction and pain You will carry me through
And at the end of my days When Your throne fills my view
I will sing of Your mercies anew

Ending

I will sing of Your mercies anew

* *Gloria Patri*

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Luke 4:14-30 (p 1021-1022 pew Bible)

Hebrews 10:15-17 (p 1194 pew Bible)

Sermon Title

Christ's Authority to Forgive Sins

Prayer of Application

* **Closing Hymn**

The Sands of Time Are Sinking
498 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.

2 Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

[Refrain]

3 Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. **[Refrain]**

4 Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. **[Refrain]**

5 Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. **[Refrain]****

* **Benediction**

* **Doxology**

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* Please stand if able

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