

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

- (1) Come, Christians, join to sing - Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King – Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!
- (2) Come, lift your hearts on high – Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky – Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend,
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
- (3) Praise yet our Christ again – Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain – Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more, Alleluia! Amen!

SHOUT TO THE LORD

- (1) My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
- (2) My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge & strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

(chorus) Shout to the Lord, all the earth; Let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down & the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name!
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

- (1) Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have tho't that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
O, You rescue the souls of me.
- (2) Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way.
O, we hopelessly lost the way.

(chorus): You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for;
O, our hearts always hunger for.

- (3) Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
O, we're falling before Your throne.

(chorus)

RESPONSIVE READING - A Call to Praise

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

PEOPLE: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

LEADER: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

PEOPLE: Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

LEADER: Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

PEOPLE: The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

LEADER: He make known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.

PEOPLE: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

LEADER: He will not always chide: neither will He keep His anger forever.

PEOPLE: He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

LEADER: For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

PEOPLE: As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

LEADER: Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

PEOPLE: For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

LEADER: As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field so he flourisheth.

PEOPLE: For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

LEADER: But the mercies of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children:

PEOPLE: To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

LEADER: The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.

PEOPLE: Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

LEADER: Bless ye the Lord, all ye hosts; ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

PEOPLE: Bless the Lord, all His work in all places of His dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

- Psalm 103

SPECIAL MUSIC

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

- (1) I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus,
Since I found in Him a friend so strong and true;
I would tell you how He changed my life
completely,
He did something that no other friend could do.
- (chorus) No one ever cared for me like Jesus.
There's no other friend so kind as He;
No one else could take the sin
And darkness from me,
O how much He cared for me.
- (2) All my life was full of sin when Jesus found me,
All my heart was full of misery and woe;
Jesus placed His strong & loving arms about me,
And He led me in the way I ought to go.
- (3) Everyday He comes to me with sweet assurance,
More and more I understand His words of love;
But I'll never know just why He came to save me,
Till someday I see His blessed face above.

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

- (1) My faith has found a resting place -
Not in device nor creed;
I trust the Everlasting One -
His wounds for me shall plead.
- (chorus) I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus die,
And that He died for me.
- (2) Enough for me that Jesus saves -
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him -
He'll never cast me out.
- (3) My heart is leaning on the Word -
The written Word of God;
Salvation by my Savior's name -
Salvation through His blood.
- (4) My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.

SERMON OUTLINE

I. Introduction to Book of First John

A. Author, Date, Place

B. Purpose for Writing/ Main Themes

1. Refute False Teachers – 2:19

- Gnosticism - physical = evil; spirit = good

2. Give Assurance of Salvation - 5:13

3. Challenge to Live Pure Lives - 2:1

4. Maintain Fellowship and Joy - 1:3-4

II. Prologue of the Book - 1:1-4

A. Truth About Christ - vs. 1-2

1. Eternal Son - "from the beginning"

2. Incarnate in the Flesh - testimony of disciples

a. Heard

b. Has Seen

c. Gazed

d. Touched

e. Testified/Proclaimed

3. Brings the Word of Life

B. Result of Salvation - vs. 3-4

1. Fellowship

2. Joy
