

PRAY

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Rickey Primrose & the Worship Ministry
2. God will meet with us through His word and by His Spirit, lead us to worship Christ and grow in Christ-likeness.
3. God will help us to be a church of zeal and hope, passionate about ministry and confident in His promises.
4. God will make us more passionate about and obedient to His mission of leading people to trust and follow Christ.

PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE

“Because God”

Pastor Rickey Primrose

1 Peter 1:2

We saw last Sunday that the opening verse of 1 Peter makes a powerful statement about our Christian identity: We are “elect exiles.” Verse two of 1 Peter closes out the letter’s greeting by explaining the basis of our election: Why are we the chosen of God? Peter’s answer to that question is a resounding: “Because of God!” Every member of the Triune God plays a role in our salvation. We belong to God because of God.

It is sometimes difficult for us to come to grips with the truth that God’s sovereign grace, rather than works we’ve done, stands at the center of our salvation. As you prepare for Sunday, consider why there is so much joy, hope, and freedom when we find a sovereign God at the center of salvation rather than the works of our own hands.

MUSIC

PRELUDE MUSIC

Christ The King

Carol Cymbala

CORPORATE SINGING

Every Praise

John David Bratton & Hezekiah Walker

This Is Amazing Grace

Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle & Phil Wickham

ADORATION SONGS

The Power of The Cross

Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

When I Think About the Lord

James Huey

LYRICS

This Is Amazing Grace

VERSE 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

CHORUS

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You lay down Your life. That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for. All that You’ve done for me

VERSE 2

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

BRIDGE

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

This The Power of The Cross

VERSE 1

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to calvary
Tried by sinful torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

CHORUS

This the power of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

VERSE 2

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

VERSE 4

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the victory cry

VERSE 4

Oh to see my name written in Your wounds
For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

RESPOND TO THE SERMON

Sunday, June 3 - "Living as Chosen Exiles"

1 Peter 1:1

Truth: As chosen exiles we behave as those who have a new life. One of the results of our salvation is new life. We weren't just improved, enhanced, reformed, refined, or rehabilitated. We were regenerated, with a new spiritual life. We are born again. When we are born again we are set free from that old way of life. We are to live a life that matches this new life we have in Christ.

Response: Are you living a life that looks different than the world around you? How is your life different now than before you became a Christian? How is your life different now than it was five or ten years ago?

Truth: As chosen exiles we suffer as those who have a future hope. One of the things that make us look different is our response to affliction. It should be distinct from the world because we have been given a future hope. We are awaiting an inheritance. That future hope empowers us to suffer well today. Suffering is a part of what we have been chosen for.

Response: How do non-believers react when they suffer or are treated unjustly? How should believer's reaction to suffering look different? How did Jesus respond to injustice and suffering? Pray that God will strengthen you in the Spirit as you suffer for Christ.

Truth: As chosen exiles we engage as those who have a transforming witness. As chosen exiles God intends for us to influence the world we live in. We still must verbally proclaim the gospel, but Peter emphasizes the power that a distinctively Christian lifestyle can have to support the message that we are verbally proclaiming. Our lives will move people from rebellion to worship.

Response: Evaluate your lifestyle to confirm it matches what you are verbally proclaiming. Is your lifestyle accommodating the culture? Or, are you withdrawing from the culture in an isolating way? Pray about one specific action you can take this week to live a distinct life and shine the light of Christ in a dark world.

FAMILY RESPONSE

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1 Peter 1:1

Truth: We cannot trust and follow the ways of the world around us and also trust and follow Jesus Christ. When we choose to trust and follow Jesus Christ, we are choosing to be noticeably different in our actions, attitudes, and words.

Response: 1 Peter is going to be a place you can continually return to when your kids protest with those infamous words, "Well, everyone else is doing it!" There is a real cost to trusting and following Jesus Christ which most believers (adult and adolescent) don't fully comprehend until they begin to experience it. This struggle brings our kids to tangible moments of exercising faith. Moments when they choose to act on their belief that the eternal enjoyment of God and His promises are better than the temporary satisfaction of popularity or conformity. As Peter does with the "elect exiles," help your children focus on the treasures received in Jesus Christ over the distractions they are rejecting as they navigate these pivotal moments.