

**PRAY**

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Rickey Primrose, Brandon Rmaey & 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.

**MUSIC**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**Various Hymns**

Feat: Mickey Vaughn

**CORPORATE SINGING**

**Praise The King**

Corey Voss, Dustin Smith, Michael Bryce Jr. & Michael Farren

**Blessed Assurance**

Fanny Jane Crosby & Phoebe Palmer Knapp

**ADORATION SONGS**

**Cornerstone**

William Batchelder Bradbury, Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan, Edward Mote & Jonas Myrin

**The Solid Rock**

William Batchelder Bradbury & Edward Mote

**PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE**

**“God’s Building Project”**

1 Peter 2:4-8

You’ve probably noticed that the tone of Peter’s letter has become much more community focused the past few weeks. We’ve seen his calls for us to have sincere brotherly love for one another (1:22-25) and to crave that brotherly love within the church so that we can grow spiritually (2:1-3). Our text for this Sunday, 1 Peter 2:4-8, maintains that same focus on the community of believers.

As you prepare for Sunday, read this passage through several times. What does this text teach us regarding the nature and purpose of the church? Consider the implications of Peter’s description of the church as a “spiritual house” and “holy priesthood.” What does this imagery teach us about the Christian life?

**LYRICS**

**Praise The King**

**VERSE 1**

There’s a reason why the curse of sin is broken  
 There’s a reason why the darkness runs from light  
 There’s a reason why  
 We stand here now forgiven. Jesus is alive

**VERSE 2**

There’s a reason why we are not overtaken  
 There’s a reason we sing on through the night  
 There’s a reason why our hope remains eternal  
 Jesus is alive

**CHORUS**

Praise the King, He is risen  
 Praise the King, He’s alive  
 Praise the King, death’s defeated  
 Hallelujah He’s alive. Hallelujah He’s alive

**VERSE 3**

There’s a reason why our hearts  
 Can be courageous  
 There’s a reason why the dead are made alive  
 There’s a reason why we share His resurrection  
 Jesus is alive

**BRIDGE**

The grave could not ignore it  
 When all of heaven’s roaring  
 Hell, where is your victory  
 Death where is your sting  
 The world could not ignore it  
 When all the saints are roaring  
 Hell, where is your victory  
 Death where is your sting

**Blessed Assurance**

**VERSE 1**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
 O what a foretaste of glory divine  
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

**CHORUS**

This is my story, this is my song  
 Praising my Savior all the day long  
 This is my story, this is my song  
 Praising my Savior all the day long

**VERSE 2**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
 Angels, descending, bring from above  
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**VERSE 3**

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
 Watching and waiting, looking above,  
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

## RESPOND TO THE SERMON

## Sunday, July 29 "The Sweetness of Gospel Love"

1 Peter 2:1-3

**Truth:** We must crave the purity of gospel love. We won't crave what tastes bad. We must offer a pure gospel love so when others partake it is sweet. This is not the idea of pure in the sense that it has no additives; but rather, the idea of sincere - without malice, deceit, or slander. Any traces of malice, deceit, or slander will leave a toxic taste in our gospel love.

**Response:** How much of these things are we to rid ourselves of—a little, a lot, or all? Which one of these represents your biggest challenge in overcoming? What are you doing to overcome this in your life?

**Truth:** We must crave the purpose of gospel love. We won't crave what makes us sick. When something makes you sick you have no interest in it. We should crave what makes us grow. The purpose of gospel love is to grow us up in our salvation so that we endure in patience and in joy. We cannot isolate ourselves from those who will show us "gospel love." We leave ourselves susceptible to the enemy, to our flesh, and to our own reason when we do this.

**Response:** How does this passage encourage you to make progress in your Christian life? Have there been times in your life you have not been growing in your faith? Were they related to isolating yourself from the gospel love of the church?

**Truth:** We must crave the source of gospel love. We can't crave

what we have never tasted. A non-believer cannot crave gospel love because they have never experienced gospel love. We must be looking for gospel love in the right place. It begins in a relationship with Christ. For those in the church who have a relationship with Christ, we must be engaged in gospel love. Simply being a member is not engaging in gospel love. If you aren't experiencing community in the church, then you don't have the opportunity to engage in gospel love.

**Response:** Are you an involved member of a Community Group at our church? Put yourself in a place where you can be nourished on a regular basis through gospel love, prayer, and fellowship. Make it your highest priority as a Christian to grow in Christ and become everything that God has created you to be.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

## Sunday, July 29 "The Sweetness of Gospel Love"

1 Peter 2:1-3

**Truth:** First comes faith in the Gospel, and then comes transformation of actions, attitudes, and words. Peter says, only after you have "tasted that the Lord is good" are you able to replace hurtful tendencies with spiritual maturity.

**Response:** God's Word is full of taste experiences. When David wanted people to know how wonderful God's word is, he said it is sweeter than honey (Psalm 19:10). When Moses wanted to warn people against turning away from following God after He saved them, Moses said it is like planting a root that will only give you poisonous, bitter fruit to eat (Deuteronomy 29:18). If God uses our sense of taste so often to teach us, maybe it's a good idea to use it with our kids (less the poisonous part). Here are some examples of sweet tasting edibles: honey, watermelon, banana, or ice cream. Here are some edible sources of bitter tastes: citrus peeling, pure cocoa powder, black coffee, endive, or kale. Choose a few of each for your family to taste. Which items do your family crave? Which items do your family prefer to throw away?