

Sunday Service ~ January 26, 2025

Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church

Welcome & Prayer

In Psalm 100: 5 we read *“For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”* Let’s start with a time of prayer.

Heavenly Father, we come before You today because you are the one true God, both the God who loves us, and the God who saves us. We confess that time and again we are guilty of letting you down, and for this we are sorry. We thank-you for the completed work of salvation through the death and resurrection of your son Jesus. We pray for your presence this morning and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit as we remove distractions, focus on your word, and grow in our faith. We pray all this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Song – Heavenly Father, Beautiful Son

[Heavenly Father, Beautiful Son - YouTube](#)

1. Father, You loved me
Sent Your Son to redeem
Jesus, You washed me
By Your blood I am clean
Spirit, You've opened these blinded eyes
And brought me to Christ

2. Father, You gave me to Jesus to keep
And Jesus, You love me
As a shepherd, his sheep
Spirit, You've given me faith in the Son
And made our hearts one

*Chorus: Heavenly Father, beautiful Son
Spirit of light and truth
Thank You for bringing sinners to come to You*

3. Father, You're waiting to hear my requests
Jesus, Your loving open hand is outstretched
Spirit, You're in me, You intercede
And help in my need

Bible Reading – Hebrews 13:1-14 (NIV)

“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. ⁴ Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” ⁶ So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹ The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.”

Announcements

Focus for Month: Talking to God. What’s sustainable for 2025 when it comes to prayer? Could you start and end the day in prayer? Could you pray on the way to work each day in the car? Could you begin a prayer diary with things to pray for each week? Could you find 10 minutes each day to pray? And when

would those 10 minutes be? Could you find a prayer partner and pray over the phone once a week? Could you come 30 minutes earlier and pray with people at Church before the service? Each one of us has to work out what we want to do and what we can do and put some plans into place for the rest of the year.

New City Catechism – Question 4. How and why did God create us?

Answer: God created us male & female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him & glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

Scripture Reference: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:27)

Church Camp 2025. 7-9 March at Tahlee (Port Stephens) with Michael Boyd. Rego ends next weekend, 2 Feb. There’s two easy ways to register

1. Credit card - <https://charlestownpresbyterian.square.site/>
2. Cash – Pick up a form in the church foyer (instructions on form) Info - Tom & Sarah Baldwin, Cheryl Gillard or Liz Hyslop

Vision Sunday. Next Sunday we will officially launch our new year with a Vision Sunday. So please make sure you come to one of the services where we will outline our hopes and dreams for the years and seek God’s power and strength to do the things that he wants us to do in 2025.

Regular activities of the Church will start back beginning Sunday 2nd February. Why not help out with the Kids church or join a Home Group? Why not put your hand up to help with the cleaning, the morning tea or play an instrument? There is a spot for everyone within the church and a job for everyone. And if we get involved then it will make us feel a part of the Church family.

Strategic Planning Night. Calling all staff, COM, deacons and elders! We will be meeting in the Charlestown Church on Wednesday 29th January from 7:30pm to do some strategic planning for the year. Please let Stephen know if you can’t make it.

JOY will be meeting this Friday from 10am at the 16 footers. JOY is a time of fellowship where we can meet and encourage one another from across all three services as we enjoy a cuppa (and maybe some cake!)

Audric and Elise have now moved into the manse, many thanks to all those who did odd jobs to bring it up to scratch. Audric will be officially starting work on Saturday 1st February.

Pastoral Prayer

Pray for Yemen. (Population 35 million, Christians, very few). “Religious freedom in Yemen is non-existent. If you are discovered practicing Christianity or evangelising, you are imprisoned, and all your belongings are taken away.” Pray for God to bring peace and justice to Yemen. For God to protect Yemeni Christians vulnerable to attack from Islamic extremists. That God will help the underground Church in Yemen flourish.

Pray for Australia. That we might again seek the Lord and put him first as a nation. That we might repent of the things that we have done (and are doing) that are not in line with god’s word. That the Holy spirit would draw many people back to Himself. That the Word of God would be preached faithfully in our churches. That the Church would be salt and light to a society that has lost its saltiness and is more and more happy to live in darkness.

Pray for Compassion. Please pray for children and their families that they may have hope, dignity and restoration. Pray that they may know they are loved, fearfully and wonderfully made, and that they matter. Pray for justice for the world’s most vulnerable. Compassion achieves this by serving vulnerable children living in poverty with a community-first approach. They are child-focused, Christ-centred and church-based.

Pray for the tender process for our redevelopment. That we will have the option of a quality builder at the right price. That we will be able to proceed with the redevelopment in the next couple of months. That it will not distract us from our mission nor be too disruptive to us as a Church. That we will be able to pay off our upcoming debt quickly. That would enable us to do more ministry that helps grow God’s Kingdom.

Bible Reading – Hebrews 13:15-25 (NIV)

¹⁵“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. ¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. ¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honourably in every way. ¹⁹I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon. ²⁰Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. ²²Brothers and sisters, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for in fact I have written to you quite briefly. ²³I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. ²⁴Greet all your leaders and all the Lord’s people. Those from Italy send you their greetings. ²⁵Grace be with you all.”

Song – This Life I live [This Life I Live \(Song Leading Video\) // Emu Music - YouTube](#)

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| <p>1. 1. This life I live is not my own,
For my redeemer paid the price.
He took it to be his alone,
To be his treasure and his prize.
The things of earth I leave behind
To live in worship of my King.
His is the right to rule my life,
Mine is the joy to live for him.</p> <p>2. I died to sin upon the cross
I'm bound to Jesus in his death
The old is gone, and now I must
Rely on him for every breath
With every footstep that I tread
What mysteries he has in store
I cannot know what lies ahead
But know that he has gone before.</p> | <p>3. There is a voice that pierced the grave
A power that rolled the stone away
A sound of life, I know I'm saved
The voice of God has called my name
So I will rise, and in the air
Behold the glory of the King
I will not fear to meet him there
I know my life is hid with him.</p> |
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Sermon – So how should we live? (Stephen T)

In one scene from the 1981 movie “Chariots of Fire,” the character of Harold Abrahams is pouting after his first defeat in a race. His girlfriend Sybil Gordon is trying to talk sense to him and she says, “Well if you can’t take a beating, perhaps losing is for the best.” Abrahams then said, “I don’t run to take beatings! I run to win. If I can’t win, I won’t run,” to which Sybil says, “If you don’t run, you can’t win.”

“If you don’t run, you can’t win.” If we don’t fix our eyes upon Jesus, we will never get to the finishing line. If we don’t get rid of the sin that entangles us, then we will never have the strength to reach God’s victory podium. If we don’t endure God’s discipline then we will never hear God’s “Well done, you good and faithful servant.”

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That’s why Hebrews 12 told us, “So let us run **with perseverance** the race marked out for us.” But that raises another issue, how do we know the route to travel? How do we know which way is the finishing line? How do we know where God wants us to run and how God wants us to live? This is where the last

chapter of Hebrews comes in. For like many of the letters in the New Testament towards the end it moves from doctrine to duty. And in chapter 13 we are given us four signposts that show us the way we should run, the way that we should live, as we run with perseverance the life of faith. Starting with love

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1. Love (verses 1-6)

"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters." One of the important implications of trusting that Jesus is better than anyone and anything else in this world is that we should love our Christian brothers & sisters for whom Christ made the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus says something similar in John 13:35 doesn't he? *"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* But love is a very vague word and can be used to justify doing anything that backs up our own feelings of love.

So, the preacher gives us a few concrete examples of what brotherly love actually looks like in practise.

²*"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."* A good example of love is the way we do or don't do hospitality. Do we open our homes to strangers?

We hear a lot about the word xenophobia today, fear of strangers. Well Christians need to be philoxenic, we need to actually love strangers. Especially Christian brothers and sisters who are strangers. In those days travelling and staying at inns was not a pleasant experience so for the believer to open up their homes to a Christian passing through, whether a preacher or an evangelist or just a business person was a wonderful way of showing love.

But this passage says the joy can be two ways. We might be inviting God's heavenly messengers into our home, isn't that what happened to Abraham in the book of Genesis? And of course, we are also inviting Jesus into our home as well. Didn't he say in Matt 26 *"I was a stranger and you invited me, I was in prison and you visited me. Whenever you have done this to the least of my brothers and sisters you have done it to me."*

Love for Jesus translates into love for his children, that uni student that has just moved to Newcastle, that migrant family who knows no one, that family that has been in the one Church for decades and now is looking for a new spiritual home and will be rudderless for a while until they find it. Even that new person in Church. It's a concrete way of showing love.

As is visiting prisoners ³*"Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."* There are people out there suffering in prison. And in those days, they might have been suffering because they have done the wrong thing or they might be suffering because they have been standing up for Jesus. But either way we are to love those who are suffering.

In the first century gaols didn't provide the inmates with regular meals or a change of clothing. That was up to the prisoner's friends and family. But to do that meant coming out of the shadows, identifying with the prisoner, in a way aiding and abetting them. I have been to trial and prison in fact with people from my church that have been charged with the most horrible offences. And you wonder if someone from the TV will film you walking beside them or sitting near them. And if so my reputation could be well and truly trashed. But if they are our Christian brother or sister isn't that what we should be doing anyway? And if our brothers and sisters in Christ are being persecuted right now, shouldn't we be supporting and praying and helping them where we can?

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For that's what loving Jesus looks like. It also involves the marriage bed. ⁴*"Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral."* Now this

is a word for both the single and the married. Sexual love is for marriage. Full stop. Love isn't love. Love is informed by God's word. And it starts with us. But we don't use this verse to bash someone else over the head, we ask ourselves if the way we are treating sex is a reflection of our love for Jesus and our love for God's word?

And it is not just about our love for others it is also about our love for things. ⁵ *"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."* ⁶ *So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"*

It is so easy for the love of things that we don't have to take over our lives. Instead, we should be content with what we do have. Whether it is plenty or few, much or little.

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There's an old story about a king who was depressed and was told by his wise men that he would be cured if he wore the shirt of a contented man. The problem was they looked everywhere for someone who was contented but couldn't find anyone. After a long search they found a contented man but the problem was, he didn't own a shirt. It is hard being content in a world that bombards us with things that we must have. But if we have Jesus, we have it all. All that is important, that is.

You see the preacher is reminding us, if you take the risky path of hospitality, then you know that you don't go down that path alone, God promises to be with you. If you are scared while visiting a prison you know that God will not forsake you. If you wait for marriage or turn down the subtle call from money, you will realise that God is your helper, he will ensure that you make it all the way to the finishing line.

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Here the writer of the Hebrews is saying that love is to be the signpost showing you how to live the life of faith. So, when we get to a fork in the road of life and one sign says the way of love and the other says forget others, you know which way to travel. When one sign says be hospitable and the other says let them find their own place to stay, you know which way God wants you to go. When one says just do it and the other says wait for marriage, you know which way is right. When you are faced with the choice between more money and contentment, you know now which one is God's will for you.

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2. The signpost of love & secondly the signpost of *loyalty to our leaders*. (7-8, 17-19)

⁷ *"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."* ⁸ *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."*

The preacher has in chapter 11 given us the roll call of faith, a list of leaders that have gone before us and are cheering us on in the very difficult task of living a life of faith. But don't forget those whom have been personally beneficial to you. Your Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, small group leaders, elders and ministers, those who have walked the path before you. You need to both remember them and imitate their faith.

I was reading a book a while back where the author dedicated it to his parents and he called them his first and best teachers of the life of faith. What a tribute. That of all the great teachers that he could study under, the people that he honoured most, who were teaching him about Jesus, were his parents. Maybe you and I need to remember our parents as well.

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Personally, I am very thankful for the people that have made a difference in my life – who you have never heard of but were faithful to the Lord. I need to aspire to be like them. But no-one is perfect so make sure you don't take your eyes off Jesus. Leaders will come and go but Jesus will always be there for you. As the preacher will call him towards the end of the chapter, he is the Chief Shepherd of our souls. And focusing

on Christ will protect us from false teaching. More of that in a moment. But if we skip down to verse 17, we read

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¹⁷ “Have **confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority**, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”

Why would you submit to your leaders? Because God’s appoints under shepherds to his flock. Which means if we don’t submit to them, you are actually not submitting to Jesus. For leaders will have to give an account of everything they do and say, which is a scary thought.

And that’s the reason why James 3:1 says, “*Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.*” Your leaders are going to held to account for everything they do and say. We all need to show our love for them by having confidence in them and by submitting to their authority.

My experience as a Church leader over the last 30 years is that less and less Christians are willing to do that than in the past. We have seen Christian leaders fail, why would we submit to them? We live in a culture that is anti – authoritarian, where my rights are paramount. This sort of teaching cuts across that sort of thinking completely. Which means if you can’t submit to the leadership of the Church, you are in, you need to find a Church where you can submit & if you can’t find such a Church that is a clear sign you are the problem not the Church leadership. Look for leaders who model Christ, who work hard & keep watch over you, and pray for them.

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¹⁸ “Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honourably in every way. ¹⁹ I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.” Pray that they will be able to live honourable lives. That they will be clear in their thinking about what to do and say. That God will open doors for them to continue to minister to the people they are called to minister to.

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Friends, I can tell when collectively you are praying for me. I love the quote in a sermon by Charles Spurgeon when he said, “*My people! Shall I ever lose your prayers? ... Will ye then ever cease to pray? I fear ye have not uttered so many prayers this morning as ye should have done. I fear there has not been so much earnest devotion as might have been poured forth. For my own part, I have not felt the wondrous power I sometimes experience.*”

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So, when you come to a signpost that talks about loyalty to your leaders and another that speaks of just doing your own thing, you know which way to go. When you come to the fork in the road that makes you choose between submission or complaining, being committed to the work of the Church or remaining on the outside, joining with others or just sitting back and seeing what happens, we now know which way that God would will us to go.

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3. Love, Loyalty and thirdly **Liturgy** (verses 9-16)

Now liturgy is a word that describes what you do in God’s presence, in worship. And it’s a word that I have used because the next section, verses 9 to 16 uses the language of worship under the OT. It talks about ceremonial foods, about tabernacles, about high priests and sacrifices and blood and removing of the carcass outside the city. It uses OT liturgical language but fills it with a completely different meaning.

Let’s see what I mean. ⁹ “Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so.

¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.”

We don't have ceremonial foods in more. We don't have certain types of bread or meat that we now eat in God's presence to strengthen us for the task ahead, instead God gives us His grace, his free gift of forgiveness. Grace, amazing grace now needs to fill our insides and fuel our lifestyle. There will be teachers that will lead you back toward rules and regulations and to ceremonies, but we need to ask is this a picture of God's grace? And if it isn't, avoid it! You see it is Christ who will nourish our Christian walk. We feast on Christ and his word.

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¹¹ "The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore."

And our worship is no longer full of physical sacrifices whether that is an animal sacrifice or a willingness to beat up our body into spiritual submission. Because the once and for all sacrifice of Jesus is sufficient to save us completely. And this sacrifice transforms us completely. And over the course of our lives makes us completely holy before our God.

And so, we don't stay inside the camp, where we are safe and secure and where people will continue to put their emphasis on food and animal sacrifices. We follow Jesus outside of camp and bear the disgrace that he bore, along with him. We don't hide in the safety of the past, we identify ourselves with him and put our faith and trust completely in him. And that will mean that we will share his sufferings. That will mean that tough things will come our way. But we don't do it alone, our previous leaders have gone before us and our chief shepherd will look after his flock of believers no matter what trouble we face there.

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¹⁴ "For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

You see the sacrifices we now make are spiritual not physical. Not a blood sacrifice but a tongue sacrifice. A sacrifice of praise. A willingness to openly profess his name. It is a giving of our whole selves that we present daily to the Lord.

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As commentator F. F. Bruce puts it beautifully, *"Christianity is sacrificial, through and through. It is founded on the one self-offering of Christ. And the offering of His people's praise and property, their service and their lives, is caught up into the perfection of His acceptable sacrifice and is accepted by Him."*

And that sacrifice is not a one off, but a continual sacrifice of praise. Its not just in the place of worship, for wherever we are throughout the day can become our place of worship. But friends, there is a costliness about this sacrifice. It involves our ears and eyes, our tongue and brain, our heart, our will, our hands our feet. All working together. All fuelled by the grace that we have been feeding ourselves on. All directed towards Jesus Christ.

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So let me ask you some questions that one preacher recently asked me. "The sacrifice of contentment. When was the last time I made a lifestyle change so that I could be more generous in my giving in the local church? The sacrifices of our priorities. When was the last time I decided not to go to the sporting event or to attend that party or to come home early and endure a little FOMO, you know, so that I can be with the people of God on the Lord's Day. There are the sacrifices of hospitality. When last did I invite someone, I didn't know all that terribly well, into my home from church to share a meal? We need to ask ourselves, "Am I really making sacrifices for the glory of God?" For this teaching must affect our whole

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4. Life (Verses 18-25)

²⁰ "Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"

This benediction has a skeleton that once we identify helps to make sense of why the preacher's ends his letter in this way. And that skeleton is "May God... Equip you...to do his will... through Jesus Christ... for his glory." Let's briefly go through each of those thoughts

"May God." God is the one who has given us this new covenant. God is the one who will fulfil his side of the agreement and Jesus, God's Son, will fulfill our side of the agreement. So, it is about opening ourselves up to God doing this within us. It won't happen through striving extra hard, through giving up food or by doubling the number of rituals you perform. It will come by opening yourself up to the work of God and by maintaining a healthy diet of God's grace.

May God the great shepherd of your soul, **equip you**. Enable you. He is the one that will mend what has been broken. He is the one who supplies what is lacking. He is the one who will power you on when you are weak. He will equip you with everything good for doing his will. The old regime couldn't change our insides but the work of Christ can equip us and enable us to do exactly what God wants us to do. We learn what God wants us to do as we read the word and we do what he wants us to do when we open ourselves up to the word made flesh. Because whatever we do, we do, through Jesus.

Jesus is the centre of our life. Jesus is the one who forgives our sins. Jesus is the one who saves us. Jesus is the one who intercedes for us. Jesus is the one who give us the faith we need, the hope we need, the love we need, in order to run the race with perseverance. And we do it for his glory. Not for our glory. Not for our own sense of self-worth. We do it for the love of God, the thankfulness for his Son and because of the power of His Spirit.

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And our sermon ends with a few practical concerns. ²² *Brothers & sisters, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for in fact I have written to you quite briefly.* ²³ *I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you.* ²⁴ *Greet all your leaders and all the Lord's people. Those from Italy send you, their greetings.*" Before concluding with the most important word of all. ²⁵ "Grace be with you all."

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So when we get to the signposts questioning us to go the way of our glory or His glory, doing our own will or following his will, or doing things that please us or those things that please God, we now know which path God wants us to tread. The race of faith you see involves love, life, liturgy and our whole life. But we don't run alone, we have those who have run before us cheering us on and we follow the path set before us by Jesus Christ himself.

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Dwight L Moody tells the story of two heavily intoxicated men who on one night went down to their boat to return to their homes across the bay. They got in and began to row. They rowed hard all night, wondering why it was taking them so long to get to the other side of the bay. When the sun came up, and as the two became more sober, they discovered that their rope had never been loosened, and that their anchor had not been raised .

Moody went on to conclude, many people are trying to live by faith in similar fashion. But they don't get anywhere because they are tied to this world. Instead, they need to set themselves free from the clogging

weight of earthly things, and follow Jesus. In other words, in all things, friends look to Jesus the author and perfecter of your faith. It will be for His glory and for our good.

Song – His glory and our good <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5nUTO4m9oA>

1. *I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good*

2. *There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith, I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good*

Chorus

*To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good*

3. *See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good*

Chorus

4. *Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good*

Chorus x2

Closing. ²⁰“Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:20-21)