

Three “Simple” Steps

2 Corinthians 13:5-11

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Pastor Ben Pease

Prelude - “O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song” (excerpt)

Music by Chris Hutchings, sung by the Ad Hoc Choir, Edinburgh

Welcome and Prayer

Hymn - “I Surrender All / I Need Thee”

Presented by Wayland Richards

*All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.*

*I need thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.*

*I surrender all,
I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

*I need thee, O I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame;
Oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory, to His Name!*

Scripture Readings - Nathan Bird

Genesis 1:1-5 and 1:26-2:2

Romans 8:18-25

Hymn - “Day By Day”

Written by Lina Sandell, Presented by Wayland Richards

*Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.*

*He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.*

Every day the Lord Himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

Sermon - "Three 'Simple' Steps" - Pastor Ben

2 Corinthians 13:5-11

5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? 6 And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. 7 Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. 8 For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. 9 We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is that you may be fully restored. 10 This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Song of Communion - "Give Me Jesus"

Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Mark Hayes, presented by Nathan and Naomi Bird

Communion

Closing Song - "Through It All"

By Andrae Crouch, presented by Wayland Richards

I've had many tears and sorrows,
I've had questions for tomorrow,
there's been times I didn't know right from wrong.

But in every situation,
God gave me blessed consolation,
that my trials come to only make me strong.

**Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.**

(chorus)

**Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.**

I thank God for the mountains,
and I thank Him for the valleys,
I thank Him for the storms He brought me
through.

I've been to lots of places,
I've seen a lot of faces,
there's been times I felt so all alone.

For if I'd never had a problem,
I wouldn't know God could solve them,
I'd never know what faith in God could do.

But in my lonely hours,
yes, those precious lonely hours,
Jesus lets me know that I was His own

(chorus)

Benediction

Postlude - "O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" (excerpt)

Music by Chris Hutchings, sung by the Ad Hoc Choir, Edinburgh

Music Notes

Our prelude and postlude this morning are excerpts from "**O Sing Unto The Lord.**" This setting of Psalm 98 is by Chris Hutchings, a composer based in Edinburgh. The full track can be found at <https://musicspoke.com/downloads/o-sing-unto-the-lord/>

Today's featured virtual guest musician is our very own Senior Elder Wayland Richards. This service includes three tracks from his album *Through It All*.

[Full lyrics for "I Surrender All"](#)

[Full lyrics for "I Need Thee Every Hour"](#)

[Full lyrics for "Through It All"](#)