

What all this means is... The whole Christian life is a call to walk before God and my neighbor every day in the posture of repentance and faith. The joy, abundance, freedom, power and passion that the Bible promises can be known and experienced every day, but only as we repent and believe the gospel.

This applies not only to my Christian life, but to my *vocation* as well. Whatever the relationship or task I am involved with, whether it's with my wife and kids, a Hindu shopkeeper in London, developing renewal material or managing senior staff at the Sending Center, the paradigm is the same: repent and believe... *"for all authority in heaven and earth has been given to me, go therefore, into all the earth and preach the gospel."*

—Jim McKee (1999)



Amazing Grace

By John Newton

Solo: Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Men: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Solo: Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Women: The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Choir: And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

All: When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

Old Orchard Church

October 30, 2011—10:15 to 11:50 a.m.

Moses answered the people,
"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see
the deliverance the LORD will bring you
today. The Egyptians you see today you will
never see again. The LORD will fight for you;
you need only to be still."

—Exodus 14:13-14—

Celebrating Our Justification in Jesus Christ by Faith Resting

O Christ, you have done for us
What we cannot do for ourselves:
You washed the spot of sin from our hands,
Answered the self-accusation of our hearts,
And satisfied the Holy Wrath that stood against us.

Trusting, O God, I come.
Despairing of my never-finished works,
I rest in the finished work of him
Who lived and died in my place.

Fill me with joy as I worship,
With a sure confidence that by childlike faith,
The perfection of Jesus Christ has become my perfection.
Thanks be to God!



Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: from Exodus
Epistle Lesson: Romans 3:9-26

Today's Sermon

“Trusting God”

Genesis 8:1, 6-12

James Schaefer, seminary intern, preaching

Is This ALL There Is?

My name is Jim McKee and I'm a recovering "performa-holic." I am a highly focused and goal-oriented person by nature. For the most of my adult life, I've tended to work sixty to eighty hours a week (and felt guilty and apprehensive when I didn't). It was only a few years ago that I began to see the dark side of my drivenness. My sense of identity, value, and acceptance was rooted in what I could do—and I could do a lot.

Tired and bored. In the early '90s, I was working hard and being "successful," but I was feeling increasingly joyless and powerless—and just really, really tired. Where was the joy, abundance, freedom, power, and passion the Bible seemed to promise?

Fast forwarding...to cut to the chase, after a long, and at times painful pilgrimage, both Pam and I are learning what it means to “keep in step with the Spirit.” Two huge steps in the journey were doing the Sonship course and going on a short-term missions trip to Southall, London.

Sonship. Taking Sonship was a real eye opener (and heart melter) for us. We saw our sins in a big way—and yet, the more sin we saw, the more we saw that we had an even bigger Savior who could forgive *and* transform us!

There was great joy flowing out of that repentance! As Pam and I saw the truth—that we were weak, sinful and needed Jesus every day—our desire to share Christ with other big sinners grew! We became more and more involved in "grace discipling," and as grace grew in us, so did our desire to give ourselves away.

The second step. The direction of our ministry changed completely in 1996, following a missions trip to London with World Harvest, hosted by Jack and Rose Marie Miller.

The streets of Southall were like a refining fire. My heart was gripped by fear at the prospect of talking to Asians about Christ—and here I was—a pastor! But I was too proud to admit it!

Have fun! “Expect great things in Southall,” Jack said, “because our power-source is Christ! There is nothing we can do, so relax! Have fun, it is the work of the Holy Spirit.” Jack then went on to admit to the same struggle as mine, and his need to trust the Spirit to help overcome his fears.

That was a decisive moment. I was deeply convicted and saw clearly that I hadn't been able to *trust* what my theology tells me is true. My head told me one thing, my gut told me something else!

Again...repent and believe! Once again, I found myself repenting of my unbelief and looking to Christ for what we needed. My faith, and Pam's soared as the week ended in Southall and we saw God do wondrous things in answer to prayer. Changed hearts—Asian hearts—and our own, *really is* the work of the Holy Spirit.

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