



**Welcome to Holly Hills Bible Church**

**Service to start at 10:25 AM**

## Prelude

**Whosoever Will  
Jesus, the Son of God  
He Hideth My Soul**

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**The following is a verse from the  
Traditional US Navy Hymn:**

**“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

**O Trinity of love and power,  
Your children shield in danger's hour,  
From rock and tempest,  
Fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go,  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

**By William Whiting**

# Announcements

**We will be honoring Bob Lockwood during this service. He was in the Navy, so we will be singing the traditional Navy Hymn at the end of the service.**

**Please consider visiting Tom and Sherrill, too! Their respective addresses are in the bulletin.**

**Please continue to pray for Ron and Kathy Ford and their medical concerns.**

**Thanks for your prayers for Josh Brymer who is doing a little better.**

**Roger Henderson is scheduled for back surgery on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for wisdom for the surgeon and for Roger's recovery.**

**Addison McCulley's bridal shower is at 2:30 PM this afternoon!**

## Joy Unspeakable (1,2,3,4)

I have found His grace is all complete,  
He supplieth every need.

While I sit and learn at Jesus' feet,  
I am free, yes, free indeed.

### Refrain:

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,  
Full of glory, full of glory.

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,  
O the half has never yet been told!

## Joy Unspeakable (1,2,3,4)

I have found the pleasure I once craved,  
It is joy and peace within.

What a wondrous blessing! I am saved  
From the awful gulf of sin.

### Refrain:

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Full of glory, full of glory.

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,  
O the half has never yet been told!

## Joy Unspeakable (1,2,3,4)

I have found that hope so bright and clear,  
Living in the realm of grace.

O the Savior's presence is so near,  
I can see His smiling face.

### Refrain:

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Full of glory, full of glory.

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,  
O the half has never yet been told!

## Joy Unspeakable (1,2,3,4)

I have found the joy no tongue can tell,  
How its waves of glory roll!  
It is like a great o'erflowing well,  
Springing up within my soul.

### Refrain:

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Full of glory, full of glory.  
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O the half has never yet been told!

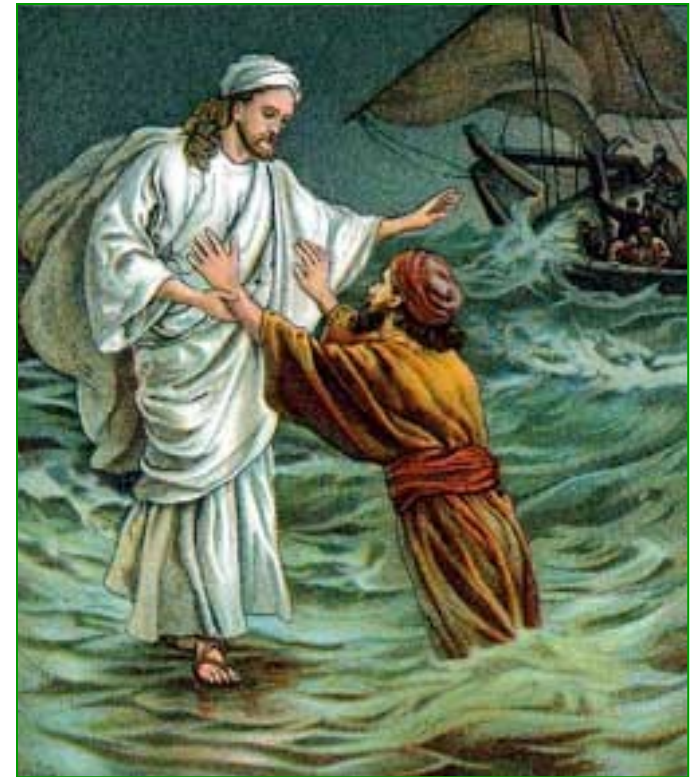
## Love Lifted Me (339: 1,3)

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,  
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

### Refrain:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me!

*(Repeat)*



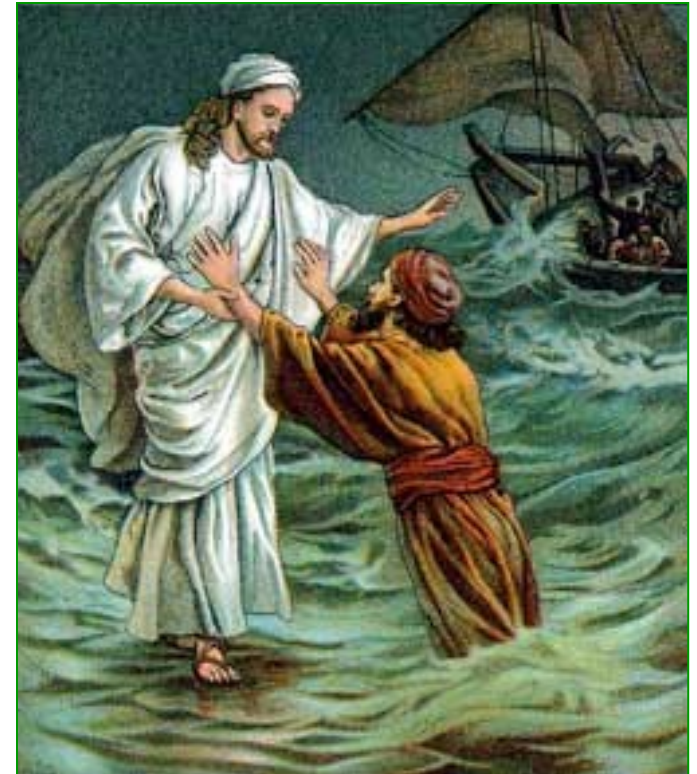
## Love Lifted Me (339: 1,3)

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves,  
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves,  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,  
He your Savior wants to be--Be saved today!

### Refrain:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me!

*(Repeat)*



## We Have an Anchor (278: 1,2,4)

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain  
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

### Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul,  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.

## We Have an Anchor (278: 1,2,4)

It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,  
For 'tis well secured by the Savior's hand,  
And the cables, passed from His heart to mine,  
Can defy that blast, through strength divine.

### Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul,  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.

## We Have an Anchor (278: 1,2,4)

When our eyes behold thro' the gath'ring night,  
The city of gold, our harbor bright,  
We shall anchor fast by the heav'nly shore,  
With the storms all past forevermore!

### Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul,  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.



*Romans 8:21-22 (NASB77)*

*<sup>21</sup>that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

*<sup>22</sup>**For** we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.*

- The word "**for**" introduces the proof of "*the hope,*" not of the bondage.
- **We know**—Always this is the expression of Christian knowledge

*<sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.*

*<sup>24</sup> For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees?*

*<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.*

## Groans and travails in pain together until now—

- Ever since Adam disobeyed God and committed the first sin, the curse lies on all the earth.
- Because all creation is alienated from God, the results appropriately “groaning” and “travailing” are everywhere.
- **(But travailing and painful, the creation looks toward a birth!) Up to this moment—**
- **No “evolution,” “we are not getting better”—**
- **but the opposite,—until Christ shall come with the “liberty of the glory.”**

***22** For we know that the whole creation groans and travails **together** up to this moment:*

**Together** refers to the common longing of all the elements of the creation, **but not to its longing** in common with God's children (Vincent).

- The fallen creation longs to be released from the **futility [the un-attainment]**.
- **The believer's longing isn't for relief but for the glory to be revealed.**

*18* For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are

*not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be*

*revealed to us*

*<sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our **adoption** as sons, the redemption of our body.*

**adoption, or son-placing** "Born-again believers have already received adoption, and as led by the Spirit are sons of God; **Adoption or son-placing** is when our mortal bodies have been quickened, and the corruptible has put on incorruption, **will they possess all that sonship involves.** Denney  
We believers are looking for the revealed glory of the Lord Jesus Christ which glory He will share with us.

*<sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.*

**This is our personal connection with creation as Christians.**

**We know (we Christians, having the mind of Christ, know) that the world which flesh is trying to improve as its home is groaning and travailing in pain through the fall (though grace and deliverance and reconciliation are received by us). Our body is part of**

**We being creatures must wait for the redemption of this - the actual adoption and salvation.**

**1. The redemption of the body and of the purchased possession, in a general sense, go together.**

**2. The redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, **we already have;****

**3. but the Spirit we have received in result is only the **earnest** of the rest of it. **It is in this sense we are saved in hope.****

4. What was in God's purpose to give us in salvation that we don't have yet (that is in glory with Christ); but the work is finished which saves us, and we have it by the Holy Spirit.

5. We stand (having received the Holy Spirit) between the accomplished work which saves us and entitles to the inheritance (and know it is accomplished, having, nevertheless, been sealed for the day of redemption),

6. and the exercise of power which shall bring the full redemption in when Jesus comes again.

7. Meanwhile we have these earthen vessels, our unredeemed bodies - unredeemed as to power and deliverance; for the body also belongs to the Lord bought with a price; and though we have the **first-fruits of the Spirit** (for the Spirit will again be poured out as the latter rain for millennial blessing), we suffer with Him who suffered here, connected with the glorious inheritance by the Spirit, and with the creation fallen in the first Adam by the body; and **we groan (saved in hope) for the redemption of the body**, and wait for that and the inheritance with patience - **for that which is not yet seen.**

The Spirit does not take us out of sympathy with groaning creation, but rather supports us in such sympathy! Being ourselves, as to the body, in a groaning condition,—“*longing to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven*” ([2 Cor 5:2](#)).

We are able to sympathize with the creatures around us, which is a precious thing!

*waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the*

What a marvelous position, then, is the Christian's!

- On the heavenly side, the side of grace, in Christ, sharing in His risen life, delivered from sin and law and all worldly things.
- On the other hand, not yet partaker of glory (though expecting and awaiting it), but kept in an unredeemed body,—not fitted yet for heaven: and in which the longing spirit, knowing itself

*“prepared to be partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light,”* can only “groan”!

# What does Jesus mean in saying *John 11:25-26* (NASB77)

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,

<sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

*Do you believe this?"*

**He is teaching that for the believer physical death is not the important thing.**

- **The believer only dies in the sense that he goes through the door that we call death, but he never dies in the fuller sense.**
- **Physical death is a gateway, an advancement, a promotion into the**



**It is the reason** Paul uses the term “**sleep**” for the believer’s physical death.

*1 Cor 15:51 (NASB77) <sup>51</sup>Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,:*


*1 Cor 11:30 (NASB77) <sup>30</sup> For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.*

The words *lives and believes* are tied together with one article. The force of this is that one must believe while he is physically alive. It is like saying, “**He who believes while he lives.**”

The words *shall never die* have a double negative, making the statement emphatic.

We here at Holly Hills have been blessed by believers in our church family who have exhibited these traits in their lives. They are men and women who understood God's Word regarding these principles: ***that the one who believes on Him shall live even if he dies?***

## TWO KINDS OF HUMANS

1. A non-believer experiences this groaning and travailing, but he looks only for relief from the pain. And when he approaches death, he will try to fill up as much as he can of his life with the things from this fallen world. To him it is the end of everything he knows.
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2. On the other hand, a believer who has been taught by the Holy Spirit these verses and his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, has an entirely different view<sup>26</sup> *and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?*

***They are***

*“prepared to be partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light,”*

They understand that their entrance and completion into the glory means they are **to leave here and go there.**

**What is the door through which believers go through in order to get to glory? It is physical death.**

We have been so blessed as a body to have had members here who understood this principle and lived their everyday lives expectantly waiting. Bob and Joan Lockwood are the latest examples of this.

They both knew and were convinced and placed their hope in these Biblical principles.

And we were blessed by their normal but edifyingly observable lives.

**So we honor Bob as we thank our Lord for him today.**

But we also understand we are groaning as we look forward to the one goal, the liberty of the coming glory of the sons of God.

All of us, with the Lockwoods, will be **at the revealing of the sons of God.**



*<sup>24</sup>For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees?*

*Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)*

*<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

- **What is this hope?**
  - **Whose hope is it?**
    - **Is it our hope?**
      - **The text clearly defines it: it says **it's the hope of God**. It's not our hope.**



faith is substance (reality) evidence (proof)

**the essence of faith is,**

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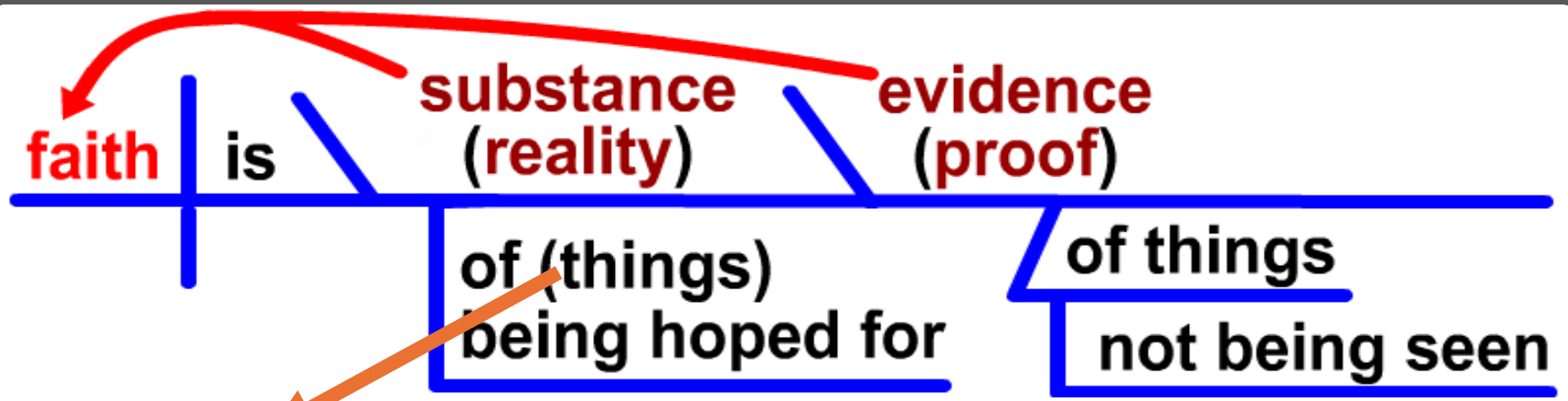
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faith is substance (reality) evidence (proof)

The word **hope** is an absolute certainty, an absolute confidence, as to Who God is and Who Jesus Christ is.

**Hope** = God's absolute confidence in His own glory, Jesus Christ

That's what this word means here, it's that we are rejoicing in Who He is and the **absolute certainty**, the absolute confidence as to Who He is.



## What are the "things"?

**The things** that it's talking about, in the context here, **are the things of God**, everything that is related to God.

And when we talk about God, we're talking about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Everything that is related to them.



In our vernacular and in our understanding of the word "hope" we interpret it as wish.

It does not have one iota of that meaning in the Greek.

The word "**hope**", *elpidzo*, **means confidence, certainty.** Not only certainty but



So, you can translate it this way, that *faith is reality, reality of the things of God which are an absolute certainty*

Now, the verse goes on "**the evidence of things not seen.**"

See that line pointing back to the subject?

It means that this relates to the subject, that "reality" relates to the subject, it defines it, and by this line "evidence" or "proof" relates to the subject.

**Here it is, that faith is proof.**

Of what? **-It's of things.**

What things? **-Things of God.**

What things of God? **The things that are not**

The verb there for "seen" **is not the word for perception,**

it's the word ***blepo***, which means -

**that which we visually see,**

or **something that we can't visually see.**

**It's saying that we can't visually see the things of God.**

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*<sup>25</sup>But if we **hope** for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.*

This places us, along with all creation, in **hope**. Vv.20

*<sup>24</sup>For **in hope** we have been saved or **unto [a state of] hope** we have been saved.*



- **There is a longing for and expectation of something better,**
- **What is longed for, is, “*the liberty of the glory,*” that belongs, by **God’s grace,** *to the children of God* (v2 1).**
- **Creation will share this “liberty.”**  
*<sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.*

**hope** is expecting something

**The very fact that we have not seen it realized as of yet, causes within us that grace which is so precious to God—  
patience.**

**But note, it is not patience in the abstract that is set forth here:**

**but**

**patient *waiting for* the coming liberty of the glory of the children of God.**



# Eternal Father, Strong to Save (1,2,3)

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,

Who bids the mighty ocean deep,  
Its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we pray to Thee  
For those in peril



# Eternal Father, Strong to Save (1,2,3)

O Savior, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,

Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the storm did sleep:

O

hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea



# Eternal Father, Strong to Save (1,2,3)

O Trinity of love and power

Your children shield in danger's hour,  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,

Protect them wheresoe'er they go:

Thus evermore shall rise to

Thee  
praise from land and sea.

