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Can a child of God in any sense give thanks for sin? No, not properly, because: (1.) Sin is detestable (Ezek. 5:11) and accursed (Gal. 3:10). (2.) Since we may not 'sin that grace may abound', nor 'do evil that good may come' (Rom. 6:1; 3:8), so, sin cannot be the ground of thanksgiving since it is contrary to the honor, image, and will of God. (3.) Sin is not by God's making. It is a plague and the subject of sorrow and shame. Nevertheless, improperly, occasionally and consequentially, as men speak, sin is a ground for thanksgiving. How? Because, the Lord by his unlimited power, can so master sin, and by his infinitely wise providence permit, dispose of, and bind sin, and by his free grace, pardon sin, yea, he can make grace super-abound where sin did abound; calling light out of darkness, and making great sinners to become great saints. Out of sin God can lay a foundation for infinite glory to himself. Pilate, Judas and the Jews are not to be praised for their treachery against Christ, although they did fulfill and execute God's decrees in these events. No man must thank sin, or blame God for sin, even though he extracted the antidote out of this viper. Since the Lord demonstrates his glory in overruling and pardoning sin, to the salvation of poor sinners, there is good reason to magnify him to the highest. Since we have dishonored God very much by our sin, it is important that we now adore him for his grace in fetching a pearl out of this dunghill, and set off his glory. Thankfulness is pleasing to God, not only in good days, but in bad. This is the best sacrifice and gift we can offer to God. Mr. Bradford, a martyr, speaking of Queen Mary, at whose mercy he lay said: 'If she releases, imprisons, or burns me, I will thank her. Let God do with me as he wills, I will be thankful.'

– William Cooper



Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God

“The primary rule of hermeneutics was called ‘the analogy of faith.’ The analogy of faith is the rule that Scripture is to interpret Scripture: Sacra Scriptura sui interpres (Sacred Scripture is its own interpreter). This means, quite simply, that no part of Scripture can be interpreted in such a way as to render it in conflict with what is clearly taught elsewhere in Scripture.”

– R. C. Sproul

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*Please enter reverently and silence all communication devices.
Parents with crying children may use the conference room.*

Preparation for Worship

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.”*

Psalm 90:1-2 (ESV)

*Prelude to Worship.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Chiming of the Hour

Invocation

*“Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
as when fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!”*

Isaiah 64:1-2(ESV)

**Call to Worship.....Come, Thou Almighty King (page 267)*

**Scripture Reading..... Zechariah 9:14-17*

The Lord’s Supper

Adoration

*“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!”*

Psalm 117 (ESV)

*Hymn.....There Is Power in the Blood (page 191)
Before the Throne of God Above (page insert)

**Scripture Reading..... Luke 24:36-53*

*Worship in Tithes and Offerings.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Exposition

*“Then Philip opened his mouth,
and beginning with this Scripture
he told him the good news about Jesus.”*

Acts 8:35 (ESV)

Pastor Jess Smith..... Luke 24:36-53

Consecration

*“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if
one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has
forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which
binds everything together in perfect harmony.”*

Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV)

**Hymn of Commitment.....Amazing Grace (page 202)*

Benediction

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”*

Romans 15:13(ESV)

Offering for the Poor

*Postlude.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

**Congregation please stand*