

Revelation 4

Prayer

Mrs. Hoover moved from Portland to Sequim. Dale wanted to know why she was such a pleasant person because of Philippians 4 (give thanks in everything). She disciplined herself to give thanks. Dale decided to do this too.

Chapter four is about the Father. Chapter 5 is about the Son. This passage tells us why we can thank God always.

Westminster Catechism

The throne is God's place

Jasper stone represents purity and Reuben which means "Behold a son." The meanings of the stones are in the prophets. The Sardis stone represents redemptions. Jesus is pointed out as the wisdom of God.

When we focus on God, we are not to focus on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is to help us glorify Jesus by opening our head and hear so that we can exalt the Son and see the Father and allow us to step into his presence. We worship in the realm of the Spirit, but we glorify Jesus Christ.

If you don't like the fact that you were born on the road to Hell, you won't like the fact that Jesus saves you.

The four living creatures-all are Christ

- Lion (Matthew)
- Eagle (Christ who soars into the presence of the Father and we share in the fellowship of the living God, John)
- The face of the man (Jesus the Man, Luke)
- Calf (Christ as the servant, Mark)

The splendor of worship

The God of the covenant. We are His covenant people (Hebrews 8)

Can you lose your salvation? Can you walk away from God and have Him send you to Hell? Absolutely not. It doesn't make any difference what you do as God's child. He made the covenant with His Son. Because Christ is eternal, the covenant is eternal. Because Christ is righteous, the covenant is righteous. Because God is just and Christ is God, when He died He died a just death in your place in holiness and perfection, and He died an eternal kind of death so that when you believe in Him you'll enter into the covenant, and it's the Father who keeps the covenant, not you. The covenant is based on Christ. Now listen, because Christ is eternal, the covenant is eternal, right? Makes sense. The covenant is in keeping with the one who makes it. It's as good as the guy who makes the covenant. If Christ is temporary, that is, if his death is only partial, for some sins, then it would follow that your salvation would only be partial based on your performance. Right? And really if you can lose your salvation, that means that the covenant is temporal and something is flawed in it and therefore it's going to come-I'm headed toward the door. Not yet. That might happen in a couple weeks, but not this morning. So the covenant is in keeping with the one who made it. God is eternal and sovereign and righteous and holy, made it with His Son who is eternal and sovereign and righteous and holy. They made the covenant.

Christ creates the place for the fruit to grow.

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Christ gives us the capacity and then He causes us to grow.

Why do we bow our heads? Isaiah 48. Neck of an iron sinew. Dale needed to learn how to bend his neck and his body in God's presence. He bends his body in God's presence because he wishes to acknowledge

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God's power in his life and so he bends his neck and closes his eyes so that he's not looking around and folds his hands so that they don't distract him.

Dale is really glad that Christ wasn't late for the cross when it came time to die. So why are you late for worship? Jesus had time to have the skin on His body ripped from His chest and His back. What do you mean you don't have time to read the bible, or worship, or show up to church on time?