

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM SEPT 28, 2014

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1 John 3:2-3

"Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."

For better or worse, the families into which we are born have a huge impact on how we grow up and live. Some grow up in unloving, abusive homes where anger flares up every day. The world spews its lifestyle into our homes and the family wallows in it, laughing at the shameful antics. The Bible is never read and moral training, if it exists at all, consists of, "Make sure that you have safe sex." A child growing up in that kind of home is bound to be damaged by it, unless the grace of God through the gospel lays hold of him.

Other children grow up in godly homes, where love and kindness are the daily fare. The husband treats his wife with gentleness and respect, and the wife submits to and speaks well of her husband. The children are instructed in the ways of the Lord and they see it modeled in front of them every day. The Bible is read in the home and they worship with God's people on Sundays. Growing up in that kind of home will have a far different impact on the children. Their position as children in that kind of home greatly affects how they think and live.

Perhaps you lament that you did not enjoy a godly upbringing. But, if you have been born again by the Holy Spirit, you now are in such a godly family - the family of God. You can rightly call the holy God, "Father." You are His beloved child, more precious to Him than any child is to his earthly father. As a child of God, you are an heir to a vast fortune. Paul puts it this way in Romans 8:16-17, "The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him." That new position of being a child of God in the family of God should shape how you think, how you live, and how you relate to the many temptations in this evil world.

If we begin to see the truth of who we are and allow it to shape our identity, it will change how we face the temptations of this life. You are tempted to engage in some sin but you think, "I can't do that because I'm a child of God and it would disgrace the name of my heavenly Father." Or, you're reading the Bible and it convicts you that some of your behavior is not godly. When Scripture confronts you, you think, "I'm now a child of God. I can't do that as a member of His family." Your new identity motivates you to grow in holiness.



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Rock Of Ages

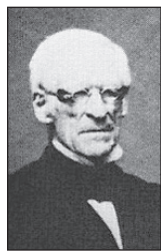
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Words: 1776
Augustus M. Toplady
(1740-1778)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.



Music: 1830
Thomas Hastings,
(1784-1872)

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
[originally: When my eye-strings break in death]
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

In the jubilee year [of Queen Victoria], embassies from the chief courts of the world came to do her honour. Among these was an embassy from the monarch of Madagascar. One of those in the embassy was a Hova, a man of years, dark skinned and intelligent, and desiring for his people's sake to make a good impression. He, in offering his congratulations, recalled many incidents of his long journey around the Cape in a sailing vessel; and when he had told all he could recollect, he asked if it would be agreeable that he should sing, that he had one song in his heart that had whiled away many a weary hour in his pilgrimage through life. The expectation was that the venerable Hova would sing something heathenish and national-something social or convivial, but to the astonishment of all, he began in a thin sweet tenor:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

He sang it through all its stanzas, each verse growing more subdued and tender. At the close there was profound, awkward silence, which was difficult to break, for some were affected to tears in seeing the coming back of seed sown on the waters in missionary faith and zeal, - all were taken by surprise, little expecting to hear from the lips of the Hova on this grand occasion the sweetest of the songs of Zion. His name, says the reporter of the day, was as startling in length as his performance was surprising: Right Hon. Lord Rainiferongalarovo.

Morrison, pp. 95-6

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

October 2014

Sept. 28	8:45 a.m.	1st John 3:2-3 <i>The Purifying Hope</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sept. 30	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Kikkert's
Oct. 3	7:00 p.m.	Friday Night Game Night
Oct. 5	8:45 a.m.	Ken Mc Auley teaching from 1st Peter
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Oct. 7		No Bible Study
Oct. 10	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fellowship
Oct. 12	8:45 a.m.	1st John 3 verses 4-10
		<i>What is Sin to a Christian?</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Oct. 14	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Colossians at Kikkert's
Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	Game Night
Oct. 19	8:45 a.m.	1st John 3 verses 11-18
		<i>Love or Hate- One or the Other</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Oct. 22	7:00 p.m.	Bible study in Colossians at the Kikkert's
Oct. 24	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fellowship
Oct. 26	8:45 a.m.	1st John 3 verses 19-24 <i>Blessed Assurance</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Oct. 28	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Colossians at Kikkert's
Oct. 31	5:00 p.m.	TRUNK OR TREAT!
		<i>We need people to represent Sunrise!</i>

Arizona H.S. football coach suspended for praying with team

[HTTP://CHRISTIANNEWS.NET/](http://christiannews.net/)

TEMPE, Ariz. - A high school football coach in Arizona has been suspended for two weeks for joining his team in prayer. Tom Brittain is the head varsity coach for Tempe Preparatory Academy, a state funded charter school. According to reports, Brittain recently asked one of the players on his team to lead the group in prayer, and then joined the team as they thanked the Lord following a winning game.

Headmaster Dr. David Baum suspended Brittain for two games for his participation, asserting that he had violated the so-called separation of church and state. "He is a man who likes to pray and I don't object to that," he told local television station KPHO. "Just, he can't do that with our students. That's the only prohibition."

Baum is standing by his decision to suspend Brittain. "I think I preserved the religious freedom of our students, who have to have the liberty to be able to practice or not practice their religion on our campus, without interference by adults," he said.

But others state that it was wrong for Brittain to be punished over prayer. "I think it's outrageous," area resident Keith Wibel told reporters. "Ray Rice gets two games for cold-cocking his fiancé and Tom Brittain gets two games for praying."

Wibel was among those who wore a t-shirt and/or brought signs to last week's homecoming game to show their support for the coach. Wibel's shirt read "Let Tom Coach." Students also tied a poster to the stands during the game, which read, "We believe in Coach Brittain." Personal messages were also written on the poster, such as "I love you. God bless you, coach," and "Thank you." Some students drew a cross or shared Scripture.

As previously reported, a high school football coach in North Carolina was ordered to stop leading his team in prayer earlier this year when his practice was discovered by a prominent atheist organization. Officials with the Mooresville Graded School District told Mooresville High School football coach Hal Capps to stop praying with students after the Freedom from Religion Foundation asserted that his actions were unlawful.

"It is a violation of the Constitution for the Mooresville High School football coach to organize, lead, or participate in prayers or other religious proselytizing before, during, or after games and practices," FFRF attorney Patrick Elliott wrote to District Attorney Kevin Donaldson. "It is well settled that public schools, and by extension public school officials, may not advance or promote religion."

Local residents likewise largely supported the coach. "I think the man, the coach, should be able to pray with his players or anybody else that he wants too," resident Betty Lambert said to the outlet. "That's our right; we as Christians have stood back too long."