

## ORDER

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## AMAZING LOVE

**Joh 17:23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

- We find in this verse one of the most remarkable statements in the Scriptures
- The words are prayed by the Son to the Father in the upper room before he was crucified

## remarkable statement

- These words of Christ to the Father “and hast loved them,

as thou hast loved me” speaks of the Father loving us with the same love he loves the Son

- We know the love of the Father for the Son is eternal and unique. Yet through our union in Christ he loves us as he loves his own Son.

## the Father's love to the Son

- The Father loved the Son throughout his time in this world - including Calvary
- His sufferings at the hands of men was not a sign of any lessening of his love
- Indeed he also loved him because of his obedience
- We see purpose and love throughout his sufferings.

## the Father's love to his sons

- The Father loves his people throughout the difficult times in this world - including now
- As with Christ, our sufferings are not a sign of any lessening of his love. Indeed he is bringing us to the same place as Christ where we obey him and he loves us for it.
- We see purpose and love throughout life's difficulties

## welcome

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**Dear Friend** - Welcome to Tabernacle Cardiff. We trust you will feel at home with us and be blessed in the worship of the Lord and as you hear the message of the saving gospel.

‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved’  
Acts 16v31

## meetings cancelled

Please note that all meetings are cancelled because of the health crisis. We will continue with a live video provision on Wednesdays and Sundays.

We are also planning online fellowship and prayer times

## this week .. live video

**7.30pm Wednesday / live video**  
Midweek Meeting -Dewi Higham  
**8.15pm Wednesday / live video**  
Capel y Rhath ‘Egluro’r Efengyl’  
Alun Higham

## next week .. live video

**10.30am Sunday - live video**  
Morning Service - Dewi Higham  
**3.30pm Sunday - live video**  
Capel y Rhath - Alun Higham  
**6.00pm Sunday - live video**  
Evening Service - Dewi Higham

## verses for week

**Hab 3:17** Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls: **Hab 3:18** Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

# letter to the soul

## *Dear Broken Heart*

I believe that most of us, at some time or other, have known something of what it means to have a broken and a wounded heart. By heart, I mean our innermost being which is also deeply involved with our emotions. Sometimes, this is caused by a sad bereavement in a family or a tragic event that causes our whole world to crumble. There are so many sorrows and hurts, and numerous events that can cause us great sadness. This state of affairs is not something that we can easily discard or forget. Often, some little thing can trigger our sorrow all over again.

The experience of a broken heart affects our lives completely. Joy is lost and our interest in other people and things around us disappears. The comfort of friends is welcome but their kind words do not heal our wounds. In effect, we are not really living but merely existing. Sadly, many of those we know well will begin to avoid us, probably thinking that it is time for us to take hold of ourselves and get on with life. I remember a lady, who had suffered a great family tragedy, saying something to me which I shall never forget: 'The worst time of all in a sorrow is when people expect you to forget'.

Is there then any hope of a brighter tomorrow? There is no easy answer, but there is an answer which does not dismiss your pain.

The answer is in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and especially in His Person. He is the heart of all kindness and love and has so much to give us. If you read the account of His life, you will find that He gave His undivided attention to the most insignificant people, the kind that most of us would pass by. In describing Himself and His ministry, the Lord Jesus said, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised' (Luke 4.18).

Can you find yourself there? Of course you can, particularly in those words: 'He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted'. I feel sure that many of you will say, 'If only this were true of me!' Let me tell you why the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, came into this world and how you can enter Heaven and possess the great benefits of salvation. There was a very important and special reason for this great mission. It was not possible for God to lay aside His holy character and simply excuse sin, so He planned a way in which it would be possible for Him to receive men and women as His children, through the death of

His Son. So the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified and suffered a violent death on the Cross; there, God the Father punished His own Son for our sin and made a way for us to go to Heaven.

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven, and let us in.

When God draws near to you with a love that you had never imagined was possible, and with a complete understanding of your need; when He stirs your soul to consider eternal things and the future of your immortal soul, then hope is on the way. Yes, you have a soul. The body dies but the soul cannot die; there will be a day when we must face God as unforgiven sinners or as forgiven sinners. Which will it be? Are you able to face up to yourself and realise that, in the sight of God, you are a sinner? My dear friend, do you realise that sinners do not enter heaven? Do you realise that unrepentant sinners will not know the comfort of God nor have their tears wiped away by God Himself?

It is the grace of God that enables you to see the value of this great sacrifice on the Cross. Has the Lord brought you to this place? If you are at this point, you are on the threshold of the healing of your soul, mind and body. When we trust Him and understand that the penalty for our sin has been paid and that past, present and future sins are forgiven,

then the beauty of the Lord begins to dawn upon our souls. At the same time, He dresses the forgiven sinner in the beauty of His own life, the perfect life, which pleases God. In a sense, He has washed and dressed you and made you fit for heaven. That moment of trust is the most precious in your life. It is then you begin a new life, where you are given strength for each day and you will find that your deepest wounds are healed and that you are able to forgive all those who may have contributed to your sorrow. Trust Him, my dear friend, and you will never regret that moment you came to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, I am resting, resting  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,  
And Thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by Thy transforming power  
Thou hast made me whole.

*Yours through grace alone*  
*Vernon Higham*

