



RECAP FOR: 6/25/17

The Sunday Recap is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week.

**SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON:**

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- What does it mean to me that God is my Father?
- Why (and when) do I feel the need to have my good works noticed?
- What could help me give to those in need without keeping track or doing it to be noticed?
- In what ways does “*helping those in need without being noticed*” describe the life of Jesus?

**QUESTIONS FOR KIDS**

- What is so great about God being our Father?
- Do you like other people to notice when you do something kind? Why?
- What did Jesus do to help sinners like us?

**Q&A from the Heidelberg Confession**

Question #86

**Q:** Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

**A:** Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits ([1 Pet. 2:5-10](#)), so that he may be praised through us ([Matthew 5:16](#)), so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits ([Galatians 5:22-24](#)), and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ ([Matthew 5:14-16](#))

## **SONGS WE SANG:**

[Rejoice](#) by Dustin Kensrue

[Come Thou Fount](#) by Kings Kaleidoscope

[How Deep the Father's Love for Us](#) by Stuart Townend

[Amazing Grace \(My Chains are Gone\)](#) by Chris Tomlin

## **SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

*Call to Worship*

L: O Lord, in your strength we rejoice, and in your salvation we exult you with praise.

**C: You have given life to us, Father. You have placed crowns on our heads and poured out rich blessings upon us.**

L: O Lord, you have chosen us as your people and called us your own. You have clothed us with salvation and anointed us with mercy. You have equipped us with strength and secured our feet.

**C: Our hearts shout for joy as we consider your steadfast love. Our whole beings rejoice as we look to our rock and our deliverer.**

L: Church, let us set the Lord ever before us, for he is good and his throne endures forever and ever.

**C: Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord on high. Praise be to our King.**

L: In his presence there is fullness of joy. At his right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**C: Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord on high. Praise be to our King.**

*Prayer of Confession*

**C: Heavenly Father, your love brings life to dead souls, light to darkened minds, and strength to weak wills.**

L: Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch; indulging in self-pity we blind ourselves to the needs of those around us.

**C: Help us to believe and trust that no wrong we have done, and no good we have failed to do, is too great for you to forgive through the merits of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love.

- 1 John 4:13-16 (NLT)

### Benediction

L: May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Peace be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

### **SERMON TEXT**

#### **Matthew 6:1-4**

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

### **Sermon Summary**

Gifted Righteousness frees us from record-keeping love

### **SUGGESTED RESOURCE**

This Weeks Resource (a SHORT article):

<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/martin-luthers-definition-faith/>

### **SCRIPTURE FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Romans 6:22

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

1 Peter 2:16

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.