Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. —Hebrews 12:1-3

FOUNDER

**Everything We Believe Begins with Him** 

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Everything We Hope For is Fulfilled in Him

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"This depicts a victorious Savior, not a defeated martyr."
—John MacArthur

"Think constantly of him enduring all that sinful men could say against him, and you will not lose your purpose or your courage."

-Hebrews 12:3 (J.B. Phillips)

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## Christ Enthroned Demands a Response

## CHRIST ENTHRONED DEMANDS A RESPONSE Reverence

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**Revelation 4:1-2, 11** 

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

—Revelation 4:11

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Otherefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—Philippians 2:9-11

Joy to the world! The Lord has come:

Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room,

Let heaven and nature sing,

Let heaven and nature sing,

Let heaven and heaven and nature sing.

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## CHRIST ENTHRONED DEMANDS A RESPONSE Assurance

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

—John 14:1-3

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"...today you will be with me in Paradise." —Luke 23:43

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep... <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words. —1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18

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CHRIST ENTHRONED DEMANDS A RESPONSE

Confidence

13And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. 14Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

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15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Hebrews 4:13-16

"I will never leave you nor forsake you."

So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear;

what can man do to me?"

—Hebrews 13:5-6

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CHRIST ENTHRONED DEMANDS A RESPONSE Service

<sup>36</sup>For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him be the glory for ever, Amen...¹With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. <sup>2</sup>Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity.

—Romans 11:36–12:2 (J.B. Phillips)

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CHRIST ENTHRONED DEMANDS A RESPONSE

Deliverance

But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. —2 Thessalonians 3:3

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<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. —Jude 24-25

## CHRIST ENTHRONED DEMANDS A RESPONSE Providence

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<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. —Isaiah 9:6-7

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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CHRIST ENTHRONED DEMANDS A RESPONSE
Patience

1 Peter 1:3-12

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The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

—2 Peter 3:9

Sin came into the world because of a look.

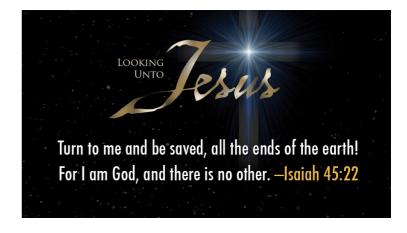
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So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. —Genesis 3:6

Sin is forgiven and cleansed in my life when I look to Jesus.

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14And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. —John 3:14-16



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