

One True Foundation – Wednesday 19th August 2020

You alone, O God, are infinite in love. You alone can speak to our condition. You alone can search the mind and purify the heart. You alone can flow over our darkness with the ocean of eternal light. Amen

George Fox (1624-1691)

John 14: 18-31

¹⁸ “When I go, you will not be left all alone; I will come back to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no more, but you will see me; and because I live, you also will live. ²⁰When that day comes, you will know that I am in my Father and that you are in me, just as I am in you.

²¹ “Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. My Father will love those who love me; I too will love them and reveal myself to them.”

²² Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “Lord, how can it be that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus answered him, “Whoever loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and my Father and I will come to him and live with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me.

²⁵ “I have told you this while I am still with you. ²⁶The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.

²⁷ “Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am leaving, but I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father; for he is greater than I. ²⁹I have told you this now before it all happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe. ³⁰I cannot talk with you much longer, because the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, ³¹but the world must know that I love the Father; that is why I do everything as he commands me.

“Come, let us go from this place.

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| 1 | Father of everlasting grace,
your goodness and your truth we praise,
your goodness and your truth we prove ;
you have, in honour of your Son,
the gift unspeakable sent down,
the Spirit of life, and power, and love. | 3 | So shall we pray, and never cease,
so shall we thankfully confess
your wisdom, truth, and power, and love,
with joy unspeakable adore,
and bless and praise you evermore,
and serve you as your hosts above : |
| 2 | Send us the Spirit of your Son,
to make the depths of Godhead known,
to make us share the life divine ;
send him the sprinkled blood to apply,
send him our souls to sanctify,
to bless and seal us with this sign. | 4 | Till, added to that heavenly choir,
we raise our songs of triumph higher,
and praise you with a bolder voice,
out-soar the first-born seraph's flight,
and sing, with all our friends in light,
with everlasting love rejoice. |

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Psalm 107: 17-32

¹⁷Some were fools, suffering because of their sins
and because of their evil;

¹⁸they couldn't stand the sight of food
and were close to death.

¹⁹Then in their trouble they called to the LORD,
and he saved them from their distress.

²⁰He healed them with his command
and saved them from the grave.

²¹They must thank the LORD for his constant love,
for the wonderful things he did for them.

²²They must thank him with sacrifices,
and with songs of joy must tell all that he has done.

²³Some sailed over the ocean in ships,
earning their living on the seas.

²⁴They saw what the LORD can do,
his wonderful acts on the seas.

²⁵He commanded, and a mighty wind began to blow
and stirred up the waves.

²⁶The ships were lifted high in the air
and plunged down into the depths.

In such danger the sailors lost their courage;

²⁷they stumbled and staggered like drunken men —
all their skill was useless.

²⁸Then in their trouble they called to the LORD,
and he saved them from their distress.

²⁹He calmed the raging storm,
and the waves became quiet.

³⁰They were glad because of the calm,
and he brought them safe to the port they wanted.

³¹They must thank the LORD for his constant love,
for the wonderful things he did for them.

³²They must proclaim his greatness in the assembly of the people
and praise him before the council of the leaders.

Closing Prayer

Love never fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.

Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes – around the nation and around the world – we are united as one family.

So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer. Amen

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