



Pastor's Perspective — Yes, You Can Trust Him!

By Dr. Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

God is faithful (1 Corinthians 1:9). This is the testimony of the apostle Paul who had gone through great trials and dangers for Christ. *Great is [God's] faithfulness* (Lamentations 3:23). This is the testimony of the prophet Jeremiah who had seen his nation decay and finally become enslaved to the enemy.

How strange that people who have suffered greatly should magnify the faithfulness of God. But how else would they learn of His faithfulness? Knowing that you can trust God is not learned vicariously. It's learned by going through the furnace, daring to rest your cause with Him.

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God's faithfulness is not altered by our failures. *If we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself* (2 Timothy 2:13). God's faithfulness does not fail when our faith fails, but the failure of our faith robs us of the blessings of His promises. Don't depend on your faith. Depend on His faithfulness.

He is faithful to forgive (1 John 1:9). He is faithful to deliver us in trial and temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). He is faithful to keep His promises (Hebrews 10:23). Yes, you can trust Him.

What a Savior! By Missionary Paul Briggs

The Ohio Historical Marker near the old Ashtabula train station tells the story of one of the worst train disasters in American history—the collapse of an iron truss bridge, December 29, 1876, resulting in the death of nearly 100 passengers, including a leading gospel song writer....

Somehow on Briggs family vacations on more than one occasion we have ended up wandering around an old cemetery. Our recent vacation to Ohio included one such visit. Old cemeteries often have interesting stories to "tell" and interesting stories of people's lives to reflect upon. The cemetery we ended up in was in Ashtabula, Ohio. The grave was the grave of Philip P. Bliss. While his name might not be familiar to you, I trust some of the words which follow are!

*"Man of Sorrows!" What a name
For the Son of God who came.
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Guilty, vile and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He:
"Full atonement!" can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
"Lifted up" was He to die,
"It is finished," was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high;
hallelujah! What a Savior!
When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*



The details of the death of Philip P. Bliss which aren't included on the Ohio Historical Marker are that he survived the initial impact of the bridge collapse on December 29, 1876 and escaped from the burning train car through a window. Realizing that his wife had not made it out, he went back into the train to rescue her. At the age of 38, he died attempting to save his wife.

Nearly 140 years later the words of the hymn "**Hallelujah! What a Savior!**" continue to remind God's people of these important foundational truths:

- (1) The Person of Jesus Christ and the mission He came to accomplish**
For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)
 - (2) The sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ in the place of any and all who will trust Him**
He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)
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(3) The great exchange of the guilt and shame of the believing sinner for the righteousness of Christ

For our sake He [God] made Him [Jesus Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

(4) The present exaltation of the risen Christ

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

(5) The future promise of his glorious return

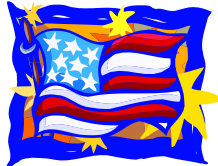
“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

I am thankful to the Lord for taking the Briggs family to Ashtabula, Ohio. Having the opportunity to reflect on how the Lord used the short life of Philip P. Bliss and the truth he put to song to think about foundational truths of the faith has been refreshing. I trust it will prove the same for you.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Fireworks on the Mall

If you would like to view the fireworks on the National Mall with the church family on July 4, please contact Ron (785-633-1184) or Sherry (785-220-1761) for details.



Opportunity to Serve

Joe Robinson



This past year, I volunteered to help with Awana for the first time.

Little did I know how rewarding an experience it would be. The opportunity to share the gospel with such willing participants in such an effective manner does not come along very often. The first time you look into the eyes of a child you just led to the Lord is about as precious a moment you are likely to experience in your service to the Lord. If you would like to participate in our Awana program, please contact me. You could be the answer to prayer we are looking for.

July 2014 Bible Memory Challenge



Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Psalm 40:4

Vacation Bible School

July 21-25, 9:00-11:30 AM
Age 3 - Grade 6

We encourage you to make this ministry a vital part of your summer plans. We look forward to seeing your children and others you might bring! Register online at www.honoringGod.org



Money Matters

June Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$4,999
Budgeted Needs Per Week	\$5,131
Budgeted Receipts to Date	\$123,001
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Calendar

July 4	Fireworks on the Mall
July 11 or July 12	Fellowship in Homes (Shepherding Groups)
July 18	Women's Game Night (7:00PM)
July 21-25	Vacation Bible School (9:00-11:30 AM)
July 30	Quarterly Business Meeting (7:30 PM)

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