

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harpeth Baptist Church

Precious to God

The redeemed are precious to God though rejected by men

Text: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:22-29

8:30 service

SONGS

251 The Lily of the Valley

617 I'll Fly Away

474 I'd Rather Have Jesus

426 Just A Closer Walk With Thee

11:00 service

102/103 I Stand Amazed/ O How He Loves You and Me

108 The Love of God

106 How Deep the Father's Love for Us

[This week's special music - How Deep the Love of God for Us \(Click here to listen\)](#)

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Nevertheless, I'd been meditating on the cross, and in particular what it cost the Father to give up his beloved Son to a torturous death on a cross. And what was my part in it? Not only was it my sin that put him there, but if I'd lived at that time, it would probably have been me in that crowd, shouting with everyone else 'crucify him'. It just makes his sacrifice all the more personal, all the more amazing, and all the more humbling.

-Stuart Townend