

WELCOME TO

**Trinity  
Evangelical  
Church**

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PLEASE STAND

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**You Are The One**

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Jesus, You are the One  
That gives me hope when the day is done  
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**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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Reginald Heber, 1826

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to  
Thee  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness  
hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory  
may not see  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside  
Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

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All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in  
earth, and sky, and sea  
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## **Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus**

Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

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O, precious is the flow that makes me  
white as snow  
No other fount I know, nothing but the  
blood of Jesus!

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Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!  
Nothing good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

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This is all my hope, my peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!  
This is all my righteousness  
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## **Once Again**

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Jesus Christ, I think about Your sacrifice  
You became nothing, poured out to death  
Many times I've pondered at Your gift of  
life  
And I'm in that place once again, I'm in  
that place once again

And once again I think about the cross  
where You died  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm  
broken inside  
Once again I thank You, once again I  
pour out my life

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Now You are exalted to the highest place  
King of the heavens where one day I'll  
stand  
But for now I marvel at this saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again, I'm full  
of praise once again

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Thank You for the cross, thank You for  
the cross  
Thank You for the cross, my Lord !  
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the cross  
Thank You for the cross, my Lord!

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**Praise To The Lord, The  
Almighty**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the  
King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw  
near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

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Praise to the Lord, Who hath fearfully,  
wondrously, made thee  
Health hath vouchsafed and, when  
heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee  
What need or grief ever hath failed of  
relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade thee

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Praise to the Lord, Who when tempests  
their warfare are waging  
Who when the elements madly around  
thee are raging  
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to  
peace  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging

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Praise to the Lord, Who when darkness  
of sin is abounding  
Who when the godless do triumph, all  
virtue confounding  
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors  
of night  
Saints with His mercy surrounding

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Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me  
adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now  
with praises before Him  
Let the "amen" sound from His people  
again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

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## Colossians 1:15-20

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### Leader:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

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### Congregation:

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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### Leader:

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

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### Congregation:

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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## The Ethics of Love

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### THE PRIORITIES OF LOVE

1. Obeying God is a higher obligation than obeying man.
2. Saving innocent life is a higher obligation than telling the truth.
3. Serving people is a higher obligation than preserving things.
4. Saving many persons is a higher obligation than saving a few persons.
5. Helping an innocent victim is a higher obligation than respecting the rights of an evil oppressor.

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Theologically, one's position on war is a secondary matter. Though the issue is very important, it is not one of the "essentials of the faith."

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Though there is room for different opinions, we are still obligated to pursue a position that best lines up with Scripture.

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Two "easy" answers to the question of war:

1. Activism: one should always obey his government to go to war; any war one's country engages in is just and must be supported.
2. Pacifism: one should never go to war; no war is just, and all war must be categorically opposed.

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ACTIVISM

Government is established by God, and Christians are to be submissive and obedient to God-ordained authority. To resist government is to resist the ordinance of God, even when that government calls upon its citizens to engage in war.

Government was set up by God after the Flood. Noah was given the sword to enforce it, and Paul recognized that government still had that sword.

Even when civil rulers call for godlessness from its citizens (as in invading a weaker nation to accumulate its wealth) – *for the sake of the office itself* – such rulers are to be obeyed.

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**However**, unconditional obedience to any human authority is virtually the same as idolatry, for it sets up that human authority as equal to God. Civil government (like other God-ordained authorities) is under God, and is not to take the place of God.

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Love's obligation to obey higher human powers, even those ordained by God, is not unconditional. As Christians, we are responsible before God to be discerning, to judge rightly, and to be aware of the priority of love's demands:

- God over man
- People over things
- Innocent over the oppressor
- Many over the few

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Christians need to be careful to keep their allegiance to "God and country" in that order. Nations are governed by fallen people and are not infallible, even America. To think otherwise is to fall into *blind nationalism*.

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> Some pacifists would claim that war might not be wrong for all men, but it is wrong for Christians.

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- Jesus used physical force and a whip in the cleansing of the temple.
- Luke 22:36-38 He said to them, "...and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one."

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- Repentant soldiers were not told to quit their profession.
- Paul demanded his rights as a citizen and accepted the protection of the Roman army when his life was threatened.
- The use of physical force is endorsed in Romans 13.
- There is no evidence that Jesus intended "resist not the evil man" any more universally or literally than "pluck out your eye."

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Pacifism is an unloving option in a fallen world for it forsakes the cause of the innocent and oppressed.

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Love commits the Christian to working for justice in this world, and there is no way to assure justice in this world of sinful men without the power of the state. This is why God instituted government. Christians must therefore be involved in the political process.

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“Do thou pray for the welfare of the empire, because were it not for the fear that it inspires, every man would eat his neighbor alive.”

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What would the world look like if everyone but the bad guys were pacifists?

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Total activism is blind and senseless obedience, and can lead to murder.

Total pacifism is naive and unrealistic optimism, and can lead to the triumph of injustice.

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Selectivism

A Christian ought to participate in, and support, only those wars that are just. One should not participate or support an unjust war.

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The answer is either stated or implied in the *priority of love* principles, especially:

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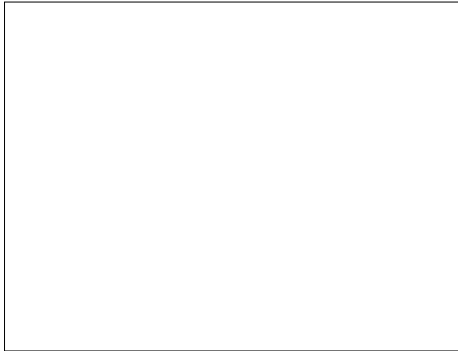
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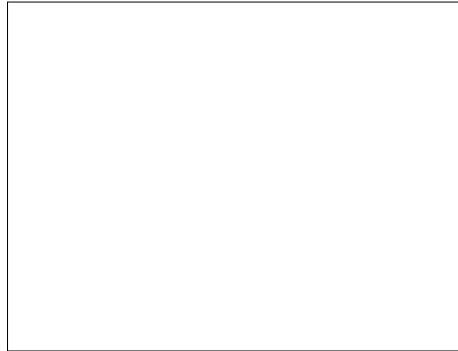
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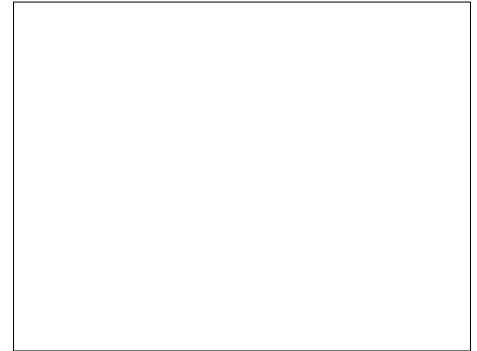
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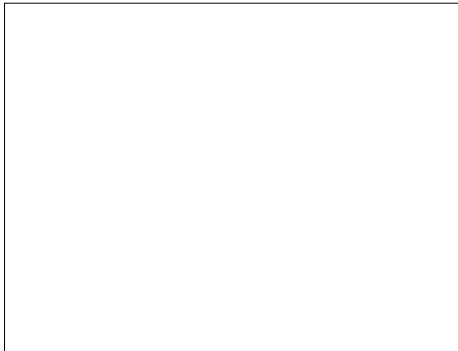
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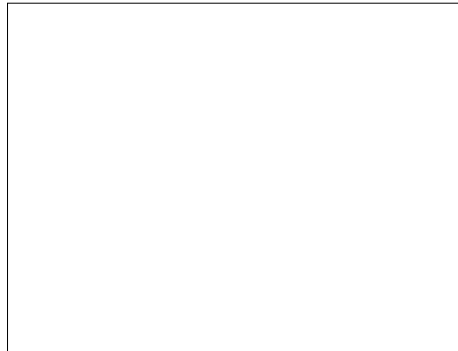
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