

"Let's Build Our Church!"

Revelation 3:7-13

INTRO: Real Christians are those who do not just profess faith in Christ, but also evidence a possession of Christ by living their faith. They are known by their fruit. One very important fruit is celebrating with baptism and the Lord's Supper!

III. WE NEED REAL CHRISTIANS WHO CELEBRATE

1. Our Union: Baptism - Romans 6:3-4

(1) Celebrating Our Identification With His Death

(2) Celebrating Our Identification With His Burial

(3) Celebrating Our Identification With His Resurrection

(4) Celebrating Our Identification With His New Life

2. Our Communion: The Lord's Supper

(1) Celebrating By Remembering

1a. Remembering His Body Substituted For Us

2a. Remembering His Blood Shed For Us

(2) Celebrating By Rejoicing

1a. Rejoicing In Our Oneness In His Body

2a. Rejoicing In Our Oneness With His Body

(3) Celebrating By Readyng

1a. Readyng For His Soon Return

2a. Readyng For His Sure Return

CONCL: Our union with Christ and our communion with Christ and His body—what could be more important to celebrate?! These two incredible pictures show our faith to the world, and keep us centered on what is really important.

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"When Life Gets Hard!"

Psalm 62:5-8

INTRO: Life gets hard—for everybody. It is part of this sin-cursed world. Christians are not exempt. In fact, Christians face trials that the lost never face. So does our Lord has an answer? YES! David, in the midst of one of his hard times is used of God to show us the way through these trials. Not surprisingly, our answer is in our great God. He Himself is our stay through the tough times.

I. WHAT WE DO WHEN LIFE GETS HARD - v. 5

1. Wait

2. Watch

II. WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO WHEN LIFE GETS HARD - vv. 6-7

1. Because Our God Is Our Stability

2. Because Our God Is Our Surety

3. Because Our God Is Our Strength

4. Because Our God Is Our Safety

III. WHAT WE DO WHILE WE WAIT WHEN LIFE GETS HARD - v. 8

1. Rely

2. Reveal

3. Remember

CONCL: It is said that, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." We must ask, going where? to do what? For the child of God, when the going gets tough, the tough Christian gets trusting in the person and plan of His God. In Him we have all we need to not just survive but to thrive in the tough times.

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