

# WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

28 February 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #81 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

OT Scripture Deuteronomy 9:1-12

Hymn #147 "O Christ, What Burdens Bowed Thy Head"

NT Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

Reverse "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

Message: **"The Conversion of the Chief of Sinners"**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Hymn #247 "Amazing Grace"

Benediction

This Evening: **"How Much Longer, Lord?"**

Daniel 12:1-13

Wed Evening: "The Coming Kingdom"

Isaiah 13

Next Lord's Day: "The Old Man and His Enemies"

Psalm 71

**A note for parents of small children:** Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

## Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

by Benjamin Beddome

- 1 Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;  
through distant lands his triumphs spread.  
And sinners freed from endless pains,  
own him their Savior and their Head.
  - 2 He calls his chosen from afar;  
they all at Zion's gates arrive.  
Those who were dead in sin before  
by sovereign grace are made alive.
  - 3 Oh, may his holy church increase,  
his Word and Spirit still prevail,  
while angels celebrate his praise  
and saints his growing glories hail.
  - 4 Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb  
from all below and all above!  
In lofty songs exalt his name,  
in songs as lasting as his love.
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Paul the Apostle is the pattern believer (1 Cor 4:16-17)  
"in the world but not of the world" (Acts 22:3; 26:4-14)  
Saul excelled at good works/self-righteousness (Phil 3:4-8, 12),  
yet Paul claims he was the foremost of sinners (1 Tim 1:15)

Can that be literally true, or is it hyperbole?

He was the chief \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people.  
(Acts 8:1,3; 9:1; 26:10-11, 14; Gal 1:13; Phil 3:6)

He persecuted Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 26:14; Matt 25:40, 45)

Why was he allowed to continue?

What are the implications for us today;  
for you personally?