

OPENING HYMN #354

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Mike Smith from Rescue Baptist Church is scheduled to preach here next weekend. Lord willing we plan to meet Saturday night at 6:30 and Sunday morning at our regular time. See Dee Anne or Gwinn to help with the meal Saturday evening.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Col 2:1-23

WORSHIP HYMN #509

The Sands of Times Are Sinking

OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” *2 Cor 9:7*

WORSHIP HYMN #10

O God Our Help In Ages Past

MESSAGE

CRUCIFIED, RISEN, CROWNED

ROMANS 14:9

CLOSING HYMN #293

The Lord's My Shepherd

THINGS TO PONDER

The Doubts and Fears of The Saints

The saints of God have doubts and fears. They sometimes feel that they have no faith at all, and because of their sinfulness, they feel they may not be one of God's elect after all. But ask them where all their hope and trust is found and they will quickly tell you Christ is their only hope. No true believer puts any hope of eternal life in his works, goodness, or faith, but all his hope is in Jesus Christ. And that is a good hope; a sure hope. And according to God's promises, all who put their trust in Him are saved and shall be saved. There are no doubts in the mind of God's people as to Who does the saving. They all know “*Salvation is of the Lord.*” And they all know how God saves: through the blood and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. They all doubt themselves but never doubt God's Word of Truth, the Gospel.

-Pastor Paul Mahan

GOD'S COUNSEL IS UNCHANGEABLE

Hebrews 6:13: For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, 14: Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. 15: And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16: For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. 17: Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

It is amazing how quickly men will believe a man with some new prediction of future events based on some absurd theory while questioning the very word of God. Think about that! Yet, man's unbelief in no way alters God's unchangeable decree to save his people through faith in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

When God made promise to Abraham to bless him and all his elect in Christ, God also made an oath, swearing by himself. Why did God swear by himself? When men make an oath they swear by the greater. For instance, in a court of law men swear by God who is greater. Since there is no one greater than God, he swore by himself. But is the promise of God not enough? Why did God add his oath? An oath, confirms a man's word, ending all doubt that he is telling the truth. So to show that his counsel is unchangeable, God gave not one but two unchangeable things in which it was impossible for God to lie—his promise and his oath. And so after Abraham patiently endured to the end in faith, he obtained the promise. “*God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*” (Nu 23: 19) He declares “*the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.*” (Is 46: 10)

Yet, sinners hear this and go on questioning the word of God? As the apostle Paul said, “*What if some do not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid. Let God be true and every man a liar; as it is written, that thou mightiest be justified in thy sayings, and mightiest overcome when thou art judged.*” (Rom 3: 3-4)

Truth is, man's unbelief further proves that God's counsel is immutable! Notice, it was not for everyone that God did this, only for “*the heirs of promise.*” Be sure to get this! As God made promise to bless Abraham, God gave these two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie,

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so that his elect—the very heirs that God was promising Abraham he would save—would have strong consolation that we, like Abraham, shall obtain the promise. Therefore, according to God’s unchangeable promise to Abraham, the Spirit of God found us dead in unbelief, regenerated us and gave us faith to believe on Christ in whom all the promises of God are yes and amen to the glory of God. No! Man’s unbelief does not change the faith of God to fulfill his counsel. But rather, sinners like us, who now have fled to Christ our Refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us, who have this strong consolation by God’s immutable counsel, are living proof that God’s counsel is immutable!

-Pastor Clay Curtis

LOOK TO CHRIST RATHER THAN EVIDENCES

Judge ye, brethren, whether you could ever form a proper estimate of the world by its appearance on any one day. If I had taken you out a month ago into the fields, you would have declared that the trees were dead. What signs of life would you have perceived? The bulbs were buried in the ground; you might have taken a solemn oath that flowers were banished, and you might have imagined that because there were none, there never would be any. But what was your evidence of the world’s state worth? Look at it now, when the buds are bursting on the trees, when the flowers are springing from the sod, when everything is hastening on towards spring and summer. Why, as it is absurd and ridiculous for us to judge of the world’s estate by the fact that there was a cloud to-day and there was a shower of rain yesterday, and therefore infer that the sun has lost its force and will never shine, it is just as ridiculous to judge of our standing before God by our present standing, according to our evidences on some one day.

-Charles Spurgeon

There is no need to be fearful of those glorious revelations of grace revealed in Holy Scripture. Do not be afraid to embrace them, proclaim them, and rejoice in the certainty of them. Do not restrict their meaning, but stretch it as far as possible with this assurance: — Your broadest, fullest understanding of God’s goodness is unimaginably less than the thing revealed by the gospel. — Christ was made sin for us! — We are made the righteousness of God in him. — Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, we are free from the law! — Go ahead. Stretch out on this bed, wrap yourself in this covering, and rest your soul!

-Pastor Don Fortner

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“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

Rev 22:17



“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1Cor 8:6