#### **OPENING HYMN #39**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We plan to have a fellowship meal following services this morning.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> is the conference at Yuba Sutter Grace Church. Pastor Todd Nibert is the guest speaker.
- The Summer Conference in Rescue is scheldued for July 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>. The speakers will be Clay Curtis, Norm Wells, and myself.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Today- Mark I.

Wed- Cass H.

# WORSHIP HYMN #129

At The Cross

# 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 #231

Jesus Saves
MESSAGE

A FRIEND OF THE GOD

GALATIANS 4:8-9

# CLOSING HYMN #18

Now Thank We All Our God

# THINGS TO PONDER

If the word of God is to you a sealed book. Or if you consider yourself unlearned, so that you cannot understand it. Then seek the Lord Jesus Christ. Ask that you may find him in his word. The whole book is about Christ and his coming, his suffering and the glory of his wrought salvation (Acts 26:22-23; 1 Peter 1:11). He is the hope of righteousness for every believer. So if you are seeking to know his word, then seek Christ. Because the word of God is all about him. "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45).

#### "As You Would That Men Should Do to You, Do Ye Also to Them Likewise" – Luke 7:31

This verse is commonly called the 'Golden Rule' and what a wonderful rule it is. If we (by God's grace) could put this in practice much good could be done for others (as well the good it would do for us). Do we want others to show us....

Mercy? . . . . . Then be merciful.Forgiveness? . . . Then forgive and forget.Forbearance? . . . Then cover their sins, repeat them not.Patience? . . . . Then be patient with others.Kindness? . . . . Then show great kindness.

Would we have others befriend us? . . . Then be a friend. Would we like to receive a call? a card? a visit? an invite? . . . Well then, 'as you would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.'

- Pastor Paul Mahan

WHEN did the Lord first begin to deal with my soul? WHEN, exactly, did I first begin to believe? At what point in time did I actually become a Christian—a child of God? I gave up trying to answer these questions a long time ago, as being totally unimportant. George Whitefield once said, "I have heard of a person who was in a company with fourteen ministers of the gospel, some of whom were eminent servants of Christ, yet not one of them could tell the time when God first manifested Himself to their soul." It is quite sufficient to me that I DO BELIEVE in the Christ of Scripture, and I, as a sinner, continue to pray for grace to CONTINUE to believe to the salvation of my soul. (Hebrews 10:38,39)

#### TULIP

Moses defined "Total Depravity" long before John Calvin ever did. He wrote, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5)

The apostle Paul made us aware of "Unconditional election" long before Mr. Calvin, when he wrote, "*Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.*" (1 Thessalonians 1:4) Christ is God's elect and we are elected (chosen) in Him before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4)

The Lord Jesus Himself revealed God's "Limited Atonement," long before Calvinism was ever published or printed. He said, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them." (John 17:9-10)

It was our Lord Jesus who preached God's Gospel of "Irresistible Grace," long before any Calvinistic preacher did. Our Lord declared, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37) "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:44)

Peter knew much more about the **P**erseverance and the preservation of the saints than any of us do. He knew that Satan desired "to sift him as wheat." Peter knew first hand that he was spared only because Christ prayed, "that his faith fail him not." Yes, Peter knew that Christ preserved him and he said that we are, "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Peter 1:5)

Dear reader, if you don't see Christ in Calvinism, (which is often called the doctrines of grace) then you have missed Calvinism altogether. Salvation is in, of, and through, the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone. Apart from that divine revelation, John Calvin has five good points that will not save. I pray that God enable you to trust in Christ alone who can.

- Pastor David Eddmenson

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#### Sunday March 1st, 2020

"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*