

OPENING HYMN #10

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Kevin Thacker from Sovereign Grace Baptist Church of Princeton New Jersey is scheduled to preach here the weekend of October 20-21, mark your calendar.
 - I spoke with Pastor Eric Lutter from Grace Baptist Church of the Ozarks this past week. He called to commend brother Kevin after hearing of his call to come and preach here. He also wanted to greet the folks here and to let us know that he is remembering us in prayer.
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SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:28-51

WORSHIP HYMN #287

Like a River Glorious

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 #460

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

MESSAGE

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

ROMANS 16:1-20

CLOSING HYMN #318

I Need Thee Every Hour

THINGS TO PONDER

It is hard to hold your tongue, but you will never regret holding it. It is easy to speak your mind, but you will usually regret speaking it.

-Pastor Don Fortner

DISCONTENTMENT is the penalty we must pay for being ungrateful for what we have. Very little is needed to make a happy life; but unfortunately, one of the weaknesses of our age is an apparent inability to distinguish need from greed. Paul said, “Having food and raiment, let us be content.”

Remember, it is not the happy people who are thankful. **It is the thankful people who are happy!**

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What Is Your Relationship With Christ?

John 6:36

Recently, I asked a young lady this question. She responded, "What do you mean?" I said, "Do you know the Lord? Do you trust him? Has God given you faith in Christ?" I put those questions now to you. Will you give them thoughtful, serious consideration? May God give you no rest until you find yourself resting in him who alone is the Savior of sinners.

As you read these lines, I know this much about you. You are either saved, or you are lost. Either you are a believer, or you are an unbeliever. You are either in Christ, or you are without Christ. There is no middle ground. Do not comfort yourself by saying, "I am interested in Christ and want to know more about him." If you speak the truth, I am thankful for that. But a mere interest in knowing about Christ is to abide under the wrath of God.

Poor soul! How can you bear the thought of the wrath of God abiding upon you? It is only because you are ignorant of it. Your unbelief has stupefied you. Awake! That very same wrath that kindles the fires of hell and torments the damned is upon you, right now! Until you are in Christ, united to him by faith, nothing is promised to you but wrath, eternal wrath that no words can describe. Without Christ you are without mercy, grace, or hope. Without Christ you are condemned already. And if you should perish at this moment under the wrath of God, you would receive the just wages of your sin and unbelief - eternal condemnation!

Settle the matter at once. Flee from the wrath of God. Flee to Christ. He will receive you! He said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Indeed, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life!" That is to say, if you trust Christ God has already given you eternal life in Christ.

Perhaps you say, "How can I come to Christ? What must I do?" To come to Christ is to trust him, no more and no less. Right where you are, without moving a muscle, come to Christ with your heart. Confess your sin to him. Surrender yourself to him. Trust his blood for the atonement of your sin. Trust his righteousness for your righteousness before God. If you do trust him, he will speak to your heart by his Spirit and say, "Thy sins are forgiven thee!"

-Pastor Don Fortner

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

SUBSTITUTION

Proverbs 17:15

“He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.”

God detests and finds abominable (loathsome) any who would justify (clear, vindicate, excuse) the sin of the wicked. God equally detests and abhors any who would condemn one who is innocent of sin and evil doing. Let me tell you why that is so important to understand. God does not just flippantly forgive His people’s sin. “The Lord God will by no means clear the guilty.” (Exodus 34:6-7) He can’t do so and remain just. “The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:20) The guilty soul must die because a “Just God” cannot clear the guilty soul without compromising His justice.

This is what makes “substitution” so beautiful in the eyes of a believing sinner. The sin of the elect has been put on Christ. He (the Lord Jesus) who knew no sin was MADE (to be) SIN for us. (2 Corinthians 5:21) Christ who was perfectly righteous and perfectly holy in God’s sight was made to be sin for us, and God punished Christ for that sin that was found on Him. God did not just sweep our sin under a rug and pretend it did not exist. God’s justice extracted full payment for all the sin of all God’s elect throughout all time. The holy wrath, judgment, and justice of God was exhausted on the Lord Jesus Christ and payment IN FULL was made to the justice of God. God didn’t “justify the wicked.” To do so would be an abomination. Christ became guilty with the sin of those that the Father gave Him to redeem before the foundation of the world. The sin of the elect was paid for, put away and done away with. It does not exist. (Ephesians 1:4)

At the same time, God didn’t unjustly condemn Christ the “Just One.” He really was made guilty by the taking of His people’s sin upon Himself. Our Lord was condemned because Christ truly was guilty. Therefore God was “just and righteous” in punishing Christ for sin. The sin of God’s chosen was really put upon Him, and is no longer found on the elect sinner. God is not unjust in sparing the chosen sinner. Why? They have no sin. Christ took it and in return made His people the righteousness of God in Him. Because of that God is both “Just and Justifier” of them which believe in Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:26) God is both a “just God and a Savior.” (Isaiah 45:21) Truly in Christ, God did for His people what they could not do for themselves. That is why Christ and Him crucified is our Gospel message!

-Pastor David Eddmenson

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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