

OPENING HYMN #33

Stand Up and Bless The Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Andy Davis from Todd's Road Grace Church in Lexington, Kentucky is scheduled to preach here next weekend, June 2 and 3. Lord willing we will meet Saturday evening June 3 at 6:30 pm and we will have supper and a time of fellowship immediately following the service. See DeeAnne or Gwen for a sign up list to help with the meal.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 7:1-25

WORSHIP HYMN #258

He Hideth My Soul

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 #125

Jesus Paid It All

MESSAGE

WE ARE THE LORD'S

ROMANS 14:1-2

CLOSING HYMN #62

Crown Him With Many Crowns

THINGS TO PONDER

The new birth is not a change of life, but the gift of life. It is not an improvement made upon the old man, but the gift of a new man “created in righteousness and true holiness.” It is not the reformation of our fallen nature but being made “partakers of the divine nature.”

-Pastor Don Fortner

His Strength Made Perfect In Our Weakness

We must serve our Lord in His way and in His strength, or He will never use us for His glory. That which we do unaided by Divine leadership and strength will prove to be worthless. There must be a consciousness of ignorance and weakness before there will be any victories.

- Pastor Henry Mahan

Loose Him and Let Him Go

When Lazarus walked out of his tomb, freshly raised from the dead, he was yet bound hand and foot in the grave-clothes that had been his appropriate attire while dead. But grave clothes are not appropriate attire for the living, so the Lord commanded that he be loosed and set free.

There is a great lesson for us in this: just because a man has been raised from spiritual death does not mean he will immediately be loosed from the garments of death that bound him while he was yet dead. It is the job of ministers of the gospel and every believer to gently and lovingly remove the grave clothes of those newly born again. This process can take a long time. In fact, it shall not be complete until God removes the final layer of grave clothes – this body of death called the flesh – and gives us our heavenly dwelling (resurrected body). Even though we are inwardly alive, until then, we will have much of the appearance of dead men.

So, patience is called for, with regard both to others and ourselves. We may find true brethren guilty of serious sin, yet we must not conclude, therefore, that such a one is lost. We may find our brethren still bound by traditions that are associated with spiritual death. We may even see among those death-wrappings some scraps of those rotting, filthy rags of self-righteousness.

If we were to look at a snapshot of the scene in Bethany, we might justifiably conclude that Lazarus was a dead man, for all we would see is grave clothes. But those who saw him walking and likely heard his muffled cry, “Get me out of these death-rags,” knew that, all appearances to the contrary, Lazarus was alive.

-Pastor Joe Terrell

Our exalted King, Jesus Christ the Glorified God-man, holds *the keys of hell and death* in His Sovereign Hands (*Rev. 1:18*). The Blessed Redeemer of His chosen people is the only One who can unlock the door of THE PRISON HOUSE OF UNBELIEF and set the prisoner free! Until He does, not only will hell-deserving sinners be held by the power of spiritual darkness, they love that darkness and have no desire to be set free (*John 3:19 - 20*). Oh! how blessed God's children are! and how thankful we are to our Sovereign God who has *delivered us from the power of darkness* (*Colossians 1:12 - 14*).

-Pastor Gene Harmon

Two Natures in One Person

The eternally begotten Son of God necessarily from eternity possesses the divine nature – that of His Father. When the Son of God in His incarnation became Son of Man, He received the human nature (but not its Adamic sin). He did not cease to be the Son of God. Nor did He become devoid of the divine nature. Nor was the divine nature changed into the human nature. Rather, He remained one person but now had two natures: the divine nature as the Son of God, and the human nature as the Son of Man.

Likewise, naturally begotten sons of men necessarily from birth possess the human nature – that of their fathers. When sons of men in their regeneration become sons of God, they receive the divine nature (but not its essential deity). They do not cease to be sons of men. Nor do they become devoid of the human nature. Nor is the human nature changed into the divine nature. Rather, they remain one person but now have two natures: the human nature as sons of men, and the divine nature as sons of God.

This is the state of all who have become “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). They now have within their one person two natures: both “the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts” and “the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:22, 24). These two natures in man are in constant conflict with each other (Romans 7:15-25) – for the old nature can do nothing but sin, and the new nature can do nothing but righteousness. But the child of God delights in knowing that in the sight of God “Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed [the divine nature] remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God” (1John 3:9).

- Pastor Daniel Parks

The cry of every gospel preacher is look to Christ.

John the Baptist cried, “Behold the Lamb of God” (John 1:36).

My friend, my cry to you is look to Christ for everything. Don’t look for salvation in your obedience to the law. Look to Christ who kept the law for His people. Don’t look for salvation in your religious ceremonies. Look to Christ who is “the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth” (Romans 10:4). Look for atonement in Christ our Passover. Look for rest from all of your works in Christ our Sabbath. Don’t look for salvation in your doctrine. Believer, look to Christ for your comfort, peace, and assurance. LOOK AND LIVE and never take your focus and attention off of Christ who is our all and in all.”

- Pastor Frank Tate

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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