

OPENING HYMN #488

My Redeemer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mike Smith from Rescue Baptist Church is scheduled to preach for us on Saturday and Sunday June 23,24. The Lord willing we will meet Saturday evening at 6:30 pm and we will have dinner immediately following the evening service.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

WORSHIP HYMN #38

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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 #18

Now Thank We All Our God

MESSAGE

FAITH AND FEAR

ISAIAH 12:2

CLOSING HYMN #359

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

THINGS TO PONDER

“Paul’s conversion was an instance of divine power, and of that alone, and so is every true conversion. If your conversion is an instance of the preacher’s power, you need to be converted again; if your salvation is the result of your own power, it is a miserable deception, from which you may be delivered. Every man who is saved must be operated upon by the mighty God the Holy Spirit. Every jot and tittle of true conversion is the Spirit’s work. As for our strength, it warreth against salvation rather than for it. Blessed is that promise, *‘Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power.’*”

Conversion is as much a work of God’s omnipotence as the resurrection; and as the dead do not raise themselves, so neither do men convert themselves.”

- C. H. Spurgeon

“...where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.” - Romans 5:20

Strangers, Keep Out!

Joel 3:17 " .. There shall no strangers pass through her any more"

The people that my heart goes out to, more than any others, are they who do not enjoy being in the presence of the church in its time of meeting together for worship. What is the reason for this? The only answer is that they are strangers who pass through with no understanding of the heart worship of those who are vitally united to the blessed Redeemer. Our God has said that He dwells among His people: / am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain.

Some assemble with the knowledge of His presence, while others merely "go to church." The day is soon coming when Jerusalem will be holy, and there shall no stranger pass through her any more. Then the church-going will be done. There will be no more the question, "Are we going to church today?"

Certainly we cannot cast blame on these "strangers," for we ourselves were as they. I remember those years when "church-goin" got in the way of more important things. Why was that? Ye were without Christ, and strangers from the covenants of promise (Ephesians 2:12). Would it not be a wondrous thing to have these strangers know our Lord so it could be said of them as we, now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God? (Eph. 2:19). It would indeed be a miracle of God to see them in Christ as we ourselves.

"Going to church" will be a thing of the past, for there shall no strangers pass through her any more. We must do all we can to put forth the glorious gospel of our Savior to those who do not understand. Perhaps in God's good pleasure some of those "strangers" will be found in His grace before the door is closed to them forever. I myself was brought in by the blessed Spirit.

-Jack Shanks

A Counterfeit Gospel

The most dangerous counterfeit is the one that most closely resembles the real. Once again, the Gospel of God, the Gospel of Scripture, the Gospel of Truth, is that Gospel that declares the absolute Sovereignty of God, the Total Depravity of man, God's eternal choice of His people, the Effectual Redemption of Christ, the Invincible Grace of the Holy Spirit in regeneration, and the Perseverance of those God elected, Christ died for, and the Holy Spirit calls. Any deviation from any of this is no longer Gospel, and the closer a deviation is to the Truth, the more dangerous it is!

-Pastor Todd Nibert

Market-Driven Christianity

Galatians 1:10

Religion in America is big business. Scads of money, powerful personalities, huge egos, pension plans, and positions of prominence, influence, and recognition are at stake in the business of religion, just as they are in any other business. There was a time when the concern of churches and preachers in this country was the glory of God and the truth of God, but that is seldom the case today.

Today, like any business, the concern is for success. Christianity today is market-driven. The goal of all marketing is to make both the buyer and the seller satisfied. Consequently, market-driven churches, in utter abandonment of God's glory and God's truth, in their insatiable quest for success and recognition, do whatever it takes to win customers and keep them. If you don't like preaching, they will keep it to a minimal. If you want political correctness, they will give you female preachers. If you don't like to be tied up at noon on Sundays, they will give the option of an early service. If you don't like organized, structured worship, they will give you non-traditional, or contemporary (anything goes) service. If you don't want to be bothered at all on Sunday, they will give you a Saturday night service. Shoot, if you don't want to be bothered with church at all, as long as you will give them a little money and let them use your name on their score cards, they will give you a call in prayer line and a dial-a-devotion!

Be warned! False doctrine and worldliness always go hand in hand. Worldliness usually leads the way. Many today, who are being persuaded to go along with practices in their churches that they know are wrong, all in the name of making Christianity appealing to men, forget that the modernism which ravaged virtually every protestant denomination fifty to seventy years ago did not begin with heretical doctrine, but with worldly, flesh pleasing methods of ministry. The early modernists did not aim at destroying biblical Christianity. They simply tried to make Christianity palatable to an unbelieving world. It cannot be done. When Christianity becomes acceptable to unregenerate people, it has ceased to be Christianity!

-Pastor Don Fortner

"For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?"

-1 Corinthians 4:7

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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