

## OPENING HYMN #36

A Mighty Fortress

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The folks at Lewisville, Arkansas send their greetings. Darwin and Cathy Pruitt are doing well, please keep them in your prayers as Cathy is undergoing treatment for her cancer once again. Pastor's Clay Curtis, David Eddmenson, and Bruce Crabtree all preached the unmatched Glory and grace of the Lord Jesus and we had a great time of fellowship with all the saints there. Pastor Eric Lutter was there and he sends greetings from the church in Missouri as well.
  - We are blessed to have Pastor John Chapman from Bethel Baptist Church in Spring Lake North Carolina scheduled to preach here in two weeks. The Lord willing we plan to meet Saturday and Sunday November 17, and 18 at our usual time with supper following the Saturday evening service. Mark your calendar.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 16:1-14

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## WORSHIP HYMN #116

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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## 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*

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## WORSHIP HYMN #235

Pass Me Not

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## MESSAGE

WHEN IT'S TIME

HABAKKUK 2:3

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## CLOSING HYMN #293

The Lord's My Shepherd

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## THINGS TO PONDER

His commandments are not grievous. It is more profitable and enjoyable to love than to hate, to forgive than to hold a grudge, to smile than to quarrel, to behave kindly than to act ugly. The way of the transgressor is hard, not the way of the believer. The life of faith and love is the good life.

*-Pastor Henry Mahan*

**Poor lost sinner**, you never have exercised the least degree of love to God; and therefore it would be agreeable to your treatment of Him—if He should never express any love to you. Why should God be obliged to express such wonderful love to you—who has never exercised the least degree of love to Him in all your life? You never have loved God—who is infinitely glorious and lovely; and why then, is God under obligation to love you—who are deformed all over, and loathsome as a filthy worm, or rather a hateful viper!

You have also slighted the honor of God, and valued it no more than the dirt under your feet! Seeing you thus disregard so great a God—is it a heinous thing for God to slight you—a little, wretched, despicable creature; a worm, a mere nothing, and less than nothing; a vile insect, that has risen up in contempt against the Majesty of heaven and earth?

Must God take these bold and vile despisers of His majesty—and forgive all their sins? And not only so, but must He adopt them into His family, and make them His children, and bestow eternal glory upon them?

*-Jonathon Edwards (1703-1758)*

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## Today

God deals in the present, therefore we must deal in the present. Too often people look to the past when talking about salvation; looking to a time or place. Salvation is looking to Christ now. I know there was a time when I heard the gospel in power and believed, however, salvation is looking to Christ now. Looking back just smells of works. Faith is always looking to Christ in the present, NOW.

“(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)” II Corinthians 6:2

*-Pastor John Chapman*

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## Condemned Or Justified

There are just two kinds of people in this world; those who justify themselves before God and those who are justified by God in Christ. Those who justify themselves are always condemned before God. Those who condemned themselves are always justified before the Lord by His grace (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7).

In Luke 18 the Pharisee justified himself and was condemned. The publican condemned himself and was justified (Luke 18:13-14). Which one are you! Grace is for the guilty!

*-Pastor Tom Harding*

## You Can't Wash Yourself Clean

*When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. **Matthew 27:24***

Pilate seemed noble enough when he washed his hands and claimed to Christ's accusers that he found no fault in Him. However such sin as his is not easily removed. There is an "idiom" (a saying), which is commonly used today that goes, "I am washing my hands of such and such a person." That simply means that one is claiming to end their association with another, that they will stop being involved with them. "I am washing my hands of the situation," means, "I will relieve myself of all responsibility in the matters which concern them." I can assure you that this did not work for Pilate. His "washing" was ineffective. Men and women cannot wash themselves clean of their guilt and shame in sin. Pilate's confession was, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person." Men and women cannot claim or declare themselves to be innocent of the shedding of Christ's blood. God is the Eternal Judge, and He declares that we are all guilty of that charge! Pilate washed his own hands with water. Pilate confessed Christ's innocence with his own mouth, yet his actions proved both his washing and his confession to be false!

Notice carefully his words. "I am innocent of the blood of this just person, SEE YE TO IT." In other words, "I won't condemn and kill Him, but you can!" Pilate played a major role in the judgment, condemnation and death of Jesus Christ the Righteous. He should have acted the part of an upright judge, not hastening or yielding to the unrighteous and evil request of the people. He should have let Christ go free, instead of turning Him over into the hands of those who hated Him without a cause.

His washing and his profession meant nothing! Sinner, neither will yours! We too are guilty of crucifying the Savior. Though the Lord Jesus Christ was delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, the scriptures declare that, "YE have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." (Acts 2:23) I have, you have, we all have, in our wicked hearts have taken, crucified and slain the Lord of glory over and over again.

Has God caused you to feel the guilt and the same of it? If He has, you cannot declare yourself to be innocent. God must declare you so in Christ! You cannot wash yourself clean with water (baptism). Christ must wash you clean with His own blood. Will men and women ever learn that salvation is the work of God alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone? They won't unless God be their teacher. **- Pastor David Eddmenson**

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**Sunday November 4, 2018**

**"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**