

OPENING HYMN

Sat: #293 The Lord's My Shepherd

Sun: #314 I Am Thine, O Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are thankful to welcome brother Andy Davis from Todds Road Grace Church in Lexington, Kentucky tonight. We will have a regular meeting tomorrow with a video message from Pastor Fortner.
 - Brother Kevin Thacker from Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Princeton, New Jersey, is scheduled to preach here next weekend December 15-16. Lord willing we will meet Saturday night at 6:30 PM and we will have supper and fellowship afterward. See Dee Anne or Gwinn if you would like to help with the meal.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: Daniel 4:24-37

Sun: Hebrews 2:1-18

WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #228 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Sun: #242 Jesus, I Come

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

Sun: #326 More About Jesus

MESSAGE

SAT - CURSED

JEREMIAH 48:10

SUN - THE BEAUTY AND GLORY OF OUR PRIEST

LEVITICUS 8:7-9

CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #186 The Church's One Foundation

Sun: #10 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

THINGS TO PONDER

A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

Proverbs 11:1

WHEN IS A PERSON SAVED?

Religion gives us many answers to that question. Some say that God's elect were saved in eternity. They tell us that election is salvation; but that is not so. Election is unto salvation. Election secures salvation and makes it certain. But election is not salvation. “God hath from the beginning chosen us unto salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.” Some say that a child is saved when it is brought, by its believing parents, to a priest or a preacher as an infant, to be sprinkled with water. But that cannot be true. Such a practice is nowhere taught in the Bible. The Word of God makes it abundantly clear that salvation does not come by religious heritage or religious ceremony. The children of God are born, “not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”. Some say that a child is saved when he learns the church catechism, when he comes to what men call “the age-of accountability” and is confirmed in the church. But such foolishness is nowhere taught in the Word of God. Some say that a person is saved when he makes a decision for Jesus and professes faith in him. Judas decided to follow Jesus, but he was not saved. Demas professed faith, but he did not have faith. Simon Magus had a profession and a decision, but he was a lost man. My friends, profession is not possession. A decision for Jesus is not a saving knowledge of the Son of God. Some say that a person is saved when he reforms his life and starts living for God. You know that cannot be true. The Pharisees were thoroughly reformed in their lives. They were very moral and very religious. Ananias was a thoroughly reformed man. Diotrophes served the church of God zealously. But all of them are in hell today. Some say that a person is saved if he can hold on, hold out, or hang in to the end. It is true that those who are truly saved will continue in the faith; but our continuance in the faith is not dependent upon us. We continue in the faith because God keeps us in his hands. Some say that a person is saved when he is baptized, when he joins the church, when he receives the Lord's Supper or when he has performed enough good works to merit heaven. And some say that a person is not saved until the day of judgment. When we get to heaven and hear the Lord say, “Come ye blessed” we will find out who is saved but not till then. **NONE OF THESE STATEMENTS ABOUT SALVATION ARE TRUE.** They are all the inventions of men. Not one of them has any foundation in the Word of God.

When is a person saved? The Apostle Paul tells us that **A PERSON IS SAVED WHEN IT PLEASES GOD TO SAVE HIM.** “When it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his graces to reveal his Son in me.” “When the fulness of time was come ... God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba Father”. *continued on back...*

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My friends, "Salvation is of the Lord", Salvation comes to men according to God's sovereign pleasure. He says, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy". God saves whoever he is pleased to save; and he saves them whenever it pleases him to do so. When is a person saved? Mark it down.

A PERSON IS SAVED WHEN IT PLEASES GOD TO SAVE HIM.

-Pastor Don Fortner

Baptism is a ceremony, and nothing more. There is no saving efficacy in it nor is it a means through which grace is conveyed. But, that does not take away from its importance.

The marriage ceremony does not cause a man and woman to love one another. They love each other before they participated in the marriage ceremony. But if they refuse to participate in the marriage ceremony, and live together without it, they say by that, that they do not love one another enough to be totally committed to one another. This shows how important the marriage ceremony is. There is no true love without it.

Baptism is the same. It does not cause salvation. It speaks of a relationship that was already there before the ceremony. And that relationship was caused by what baptism depicts: Union with Christ. For someone to refuse Baptism is like someone who refuses the marriage covenant and ceremony. That person says by their actions, "I do not love Christ enough to commit to Him." Love like that is not love at all!

Yes, Baptism is important – "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

-Pastor Todd Nibert

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 17:17

The Lord Jesus Christ is the "Friend of sinners", Who loved His own before the world began, loved them while they were yet sinners and loves them to the end. Christ is the Son of God and the firstborn among many brethren. He is the Elder Brother Who was born for adversity; born to bear the sin of God's people. He is that Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He will never forsake His friends and brothers. May we be the same friend and brother to our brethren, loving them in the depth of their sins, loving them fervently, loving them when they need it most, loving them when they are experiencing great adversity and trouble. Let us love at all times, for we were born again for these times.

-Pastor Paul Mahan

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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