

**OPENING HYMN # 449**

To God Be The Glory

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Lord willing, brother Andy Davis from Todds Road Grace Church in Lexington, Kentucky, will be here to preach the gospel of God's free grace in Christ next Saturday, December 8. The Lord willing we will meet at 6:00 pm.
  - Brother Kevin Thacker from Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Princeton, New Jersey, is scheduled to preach the gospel here on Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16. Lord willing, we will meet Saturday at 6:30 pm with supper following, and Sunday at our regular time.
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**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 2:1-16

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**WORSHIP HYMN #294**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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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 #512**

Saved By Grace

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**MESSAGE**

**THE THING WHICH THE LORD COMMANDED    LEVITICUS 8:1-36**

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**CLOSING HYMN #290**

Be Still My Soul

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**THINGS TO PONDER**

To preach the gospel is to preach the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to declare that he, by his perfect, complete, finished obedience to God as a man, brought in everlasting righteousness, made an end of sin, and obtained eternal redemption for God's elect.

*-Pastor Don Fortner*

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Good works do not come by the preaching of good works, good works are only produced in sinners by the preaching of Christ and Him crucified.

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Those who do not know the scriptures wrongly interpret this passage as they do nearly all that is written. We cannot take one verse alone, but scripture must be compared with scripture. In Leviticus 19:15, the Lord said, “In righteousness shalt thou **judge thy neighbor**.” In John 7:24, the Lord said, “Judge not according to the appearance, but **judge righteous judgment**.” Wickedness and ungodly behavior must be judged and condemned by those who love truth and righteousness. Sin must be called sin and exposed for the evil that it is. This is what false prophets and their followers refuse to do, because their own deeds are evil, saying, “Judge Not!”, to keep from offending anyone and losing members and money. So you see, the Lord most certainly did not mean that we should never make judgments. He was speaking to His disciples (and to all believers), telling us not to look down on someone as their superior, condemning and passing sentence as if we were their judge, for if we do not show mercy, we will not find mercy, and if we pass unbending judgment or censure upon someone, with the same judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged. Let me illustrate...

Years ago a passenger was traveling on a sailing vessel which had a harsh and cruel captain. One of the sailors was about to be whipped unmercifully by the captain, and the passenger asked him to show mercy. The captain replied: “I never show mercy!” The passenger then replied: “You better hope then that you are without sin, for if you ever need mercy from God, you will find none!”

The Lord led the apostle Paul to expound this subject more clearly, when he said concerning our brethren: “Who art thou that **judgest another man's servant?** to his own master he standeth or falleth” (Rom.14:4). God is the absolute and final Judge of His people, not us. He alone looks on the heart and has perfect knowledge. While judgments are to be made, let them always be righteous, without partiality, bias or prejudice, and always according to truth. And let our judgments never be without mercy. May we always consider ourselves, the beam in our own eyes, our gross sins and terrible shortcomings, before we censure our brother for his sins.

*-Pastor Paul Mahan*

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If we knew how needy we are, we would not neglect to pray. If we knew how vile we are, we would not fail to thank Him for His mercy. If we knew how glorious He is, we would not cease to praise Him. If we knew how soon we will be with Him, we would not be discouraged.

*- Pastor Chris Cunningham*

## **Sovereign Grace Is The Gospel**

Let us state clearly our understanding of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel is the message of God's love and saving grace to particular sinners by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the God-man. Where there is no preaching of substitutionary atonement, covenant guarantor and representation of sinners by the Lord Jesus Christ, there is no gospel.

Salvation is a completed work, accomplished upon the cross, sure and certain for every adopted child of God. If sinners are required to do something to activate, apply or secure the benefits of Christ's work, there is no gospel and our Saviour's dying testimony "It is finished" is bereft of all meaning.

If Christ's work is offered conditionally to all ("Christ will if you will") implying grace is available to all upon the fulfilment of a condition, work or action, there is no gospel in it.

If a duty to believe in Jesus Christ for salvation is imposed upon the hearer as an obligation of the natural man there is no gospel in it. "For the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit".

If any human effort is required to obtain righteousness, holiness, sanctification or peace with God, there is no gospel in it. If living obediently, giving generously, doing diligently, praying passionately or evangelising energetically is required to gain acceptance with God or to please God, it is not the gospel for it gives no hope to a lost sinner.

And where there is no gospel there is no salvation (Romans 1:16; Ephesians 2:8-10).

The Gospel is the good news that everything necessary for the salvation of sinners was accomplished and finished on the cross by the Lord Jesus Christ. Every needed grace is sovereignly bestowed as a free gift of God, founded in the eternal purpose of God the Father, secured by God the Son, applied by God the Holy Ghost. Anything else is a false gospel and no gospel at all.

To preach the gospel is to preach Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer and Saviour of elect sinners. It is to preach Him as God and man in all of His divinity and humanity, glory and humility, universal dominion and voluntary submission. It is to bring a sword of division for it separates between those who belong to Christ and those who do not.

*-Peter Meney*

The Gospel preacher must be obsessed with one thing – Christ crucified! Once a preacher becomes obsessed with anything else, the Gospel of God always takes a back seat to make room for his obsession and those who hear him are robbed of the Bread of Heaven.

*– Pastor Don Fortner*

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**Sunday December 2, 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**