

## OPENING HYMN

Sat: #512 Saved by Grace

Sun: #186 The Church's One Foundation

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are pleased to welcome brother Aaron Greenleaf from Lexington Kentucky this weekend. Aaron is preaching tonight and tomorrow morning at our regular time. We plan to have tacos and a time of fellowship after the service tonight, all are welcome to join us!
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: Luke 15:11-24

Sun: Ephesians 4:1-16

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## WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #351 Near the Cross

Sun: #58 Jesus The Very Thought of Thee

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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

Sun: #125 Jesus Paid it All

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## MESSAGE

**SAT - MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW CHOSEN**                      **MATT 22:1-14**

**SUN - TO THIS MAN WILL I LOOK**                                      **ISAIAH 66:1-2**

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## CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #460 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Sun: #61 The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

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## THINGS TO PONDER

I am Magdalene, I am Zacchaeus, I am the thief, I am the harlot, I am the publican, I am the prodigal, and one of Christ's murderers; yea, worse than any of these; and yet God was so far off from rejecting of me, as I found afterwards, that there was music and dancing in his house for me, and for joy that I was come home unto him.

*-John Bunyan*

## Exclusive and Inclusive

The gospel of God's grace in Christ Jesus is both exclusive and inclusive. It is a double-edged sword. It cuts people out and it cuts people in. The exclusivity of God's gospel will not allow a person to be saved while believing another gospel. One's complete hope and trust must be in THE Christ revealed according to the Scriptures. He is The Way and He Is God's Way. To deny Him is to be excluded by the sword of the gospel. Just as the door of your home is used to keep out unwelcome guest, so Christ stands at the entrance of the sheepfold to keep out those that would rob Him of His glory.

But, never let us forget that God's gospel is also inclusive. Put the positive side of two magnets together and they will repel one another with an irreconcilable force. When we come to the positive righteousness of Christ with any amount of our own righteousness we are repelled. But, turn the negative side of that magnet to the positive side of the other and they will be attracted with a force irresistible. So it is with Christ. The only condition for salvation is to repent of your righteousness (which is altogether filthy rags) and trust in the Christ of true righteousness as your only Lord and Savior. It matters not who you are or what you have done. 'Whosoever will' may come. If we are kept out it is because we refuse to come on God's terms. Jesus said, 'you are not willing to come to me'. Again He said, 'Light has come into the world but men loved darkness rather than Light, because their deeds were evil'. The gospel includes everyone who is willing. No man can say, "I was willing to come but He was unwilling to save me". Unregenerate men are by nature unwilling. You can not be more willing to be saved than God is to save you. "Thy people will be made willing in the day of Thy power" (Psalm 110:3). "Oh Lord, make us willing." Can you say with the hymn writer, 'He included me?'

*-Pastor Greg Elmquist*

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## God's redeeming love is Particular and Distinguishing.

Those who declare that God loves all people alike, the saved as well as the damned, greatly tarnish the love of God, reducing it to a fickle, helpless, frustrated passion. But that cannot be. The love of God is like himself, from everlasting to everlasting, immutable and sure. "Nothing is more absurd than to imagine that anyone beloved of God can eternally perish

*-A. W. Pink*

## “He Led Captivity Captive”

*Ephesians 4:8*

As he ascended up to heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ, our omnipotent Savior, our mighty God, led captivity captive. The allusion here is to the public triumphal parade of a Roman commander, who led his captives, bound in chains, through the streets to make an open show of them. Our Lord triumphed at the cross; and his triumph was manifest to the angels of heaven and all the inhabitants of hell when he both arose from the dead and ascended on high, having the keys of death and hell at his side. The Lord Jesus Christ led into captivity all those who once held us captive.

The world, wherein we were once bound, is under the domain of Christ. The ascended Savior has power over all flesh, ruling all things absolutely, that he might give eternal life to every sinner chosen in everlasting love and redeemed by his precious, sin-atoning blood.

The curse of the law, by which we were condemned, has been forever consumed in Christ. He swallowed the sword of Divine justice in his own holy soul. All the fury of hell fell upon our Substitute. Now, the Lord God says to Jacob, to every chosen sinner, to every blood-bought soul, to everyone who trusts the Lord Jesus, *“Fury is not in me!”* He who was *“made sin”* for us was *“made a curse for us.”* And, being made a curse for us, *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law!”*

The sin which once enslaved us is forever drowned in the sea of Calvary’s blood! He who was *“made sin for us”* put away our sins by the sacrifice of himself. The Lord God did not merely treat our Savior as if he had been made sin. To put it in the very language of Holy Scripture, he *“made him sin for us!”* And the holy, just, and true Lord God does not merely treat us as though Christ had put away our sins. — The Son of God has put away our sins!

Satan, who once took us captive at his will, is in the captivity of our Christ, bound in the chain of our great King’s omnipotence! — *“God is gone up with the shout; the LORD with the sound of the trumpet”* (Psalm 47:5). — *“Having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it”* (Colossians 2:15).

And death, which once had the power over all flesh, is now defeated by Christ. He arose crying, *“O death! Where is thy sting; O grave, where is thy victory!”*

**-Pastor Don Fortner**

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**Sunday May 6, 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**