

OPENING HYMN

Sat: #2 Love Divine

Sun: #231 Jesus Saves!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are thankful to welcome brother Kevin Thacker from Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Princeton, New Jersey this weekend. We will enjoy supper this evening, all are welcome. Lord willing brother Kevin will preach for us in the morning as well at our regular time.
 - Pastor Angus Fisher from Shoalhaven Gospel Church in Nowra, Australia is scheduled to preach here the evening of Wednesday, January 16. Lord willing we will meet at our regular time and we plan to have some refreshments following the service.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: Numbers 14:5-24

Sun: John 7:1-23

WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #163 Open My Eyes

Sun: #295 He Leadeth Me

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: #452 My Savior's Love

MESSAGE

SAT - THREE PRECIOUS WORDS

ROMANS 8:26-31

SUN - TRUE BIBLICAL MIRACLES

MATTHEW 11:5

CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #287 Like A River Glorious

Sun: #235 Pass Me Not

THINGS TO PONDER

God-given holiness improves my behavior; but my behavior can never improve my holiness.
-Pastor Don Fortner

Substitution

“He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.” -Proverbs 17:15

God detests and finds abominable (loathsome) any who would justify (clear, vindicate, excuse) the sin of the wicked. God equally detests and abhors any who would condemn one who is innocent of sin and evil doing. Let me tell you why that is so important to understand. God does not just flippantly forgive His people’s sin. “The Lord God will by no means clear the guilty.” (Exodus 34:6-7) He can’t do so and remain just. “The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:20) The guilty soul must die because a “Just God” cannot clear the guilty soul without compromising His justice.

This is what makes “substitution” so beautiful in the eyes of a believing sinner. The sin of the elect has been put on Christ. He (the Lord Jesus) who knew no sin was MADE (to be) SIN for us. (2 Corinthians 5:21) Christ who was perfectly righteous and perfectly holy in God’s sight was made to be sin for us, and God punished Christ for that sin that was found on Him. God did not just sweep our sin under a rug and pretend it did not exist. God’s justice extracted full payment for all the sin of all God’s elect throughout all time. The holy wrath, judgment, and justice of God was exhausted on the Lord Jesus Christ and payment IN FULL was made to the justice of God. God didn’t “justify the wicked.” To do so would be an abomination. Christ became guilty with the sin of those that the Father gave Him to redeem before the foundation of the world. The sin of the elect was paid for, put away and done away with. It does not exist. (Ephesians 1:4)

At the same time, God didn’t unjustly condemn Christ the “Just One.” He really was made guilty by the taking of His people’s sin upon Himself. Our Lord was condemned because Christ truly was guilty. Therefore God was “just and righteous” in punishing Christ for sin. The sin of God’s chosen was really put upon Him, and is no longer found on the elect sinner. God is not unjust in sparing the chosen sinner. Why? They have no sin. Christ took it and in return made His people the righteousness of God in Him. Because of that God is both “Just and Justifier” of them which believe in Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:26) God is both a “just God and a Savior.” (Isaiah 45:21) Truly in Christ, God did for His people what they could not do for themselves. That is why Christ and Him crucified is our Gospel message!

-Pastor David Eddmenson

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”
-Isaiah 45:22

The Jesus Men Do Not Hate

When Christ walked upon this earth, men hated Him. Does not the cross speak loudly of how men hated the Christ? But there is a Jesus men do not hate. It is the Jesus that men believe they can control. The one whose will can be thwarted by our will. The one whom men can accept or reject. The one who cannot save unless we of our own free will allow Him to save us. Nobody hates a Jesus they can control. The problem is - that Jesus is an idol invented by men to take the place of the Lord Jesus Christ that they hate. He is the One who has sovereign control over all. The One over whom men have no control. The Lord Jesus Christ, in whose hand all men are. The One who can accept or reject us. This Jesus men hate because they see no safety in salvation being in His hands. But in reality, the only place of safety is in the hands of the sovereign Christ.

-Pastor Todd Nibert

“Sin shall not have dominion over you” (Romans 6:14)

Sin has dominion over God’s people in a state of unregeneracy: and after conversion it is still in them, and has great power oftentimes to hinder that which is good, and to effect that which is evil; it entices and ensnares, and brings into captivity, and seems as though it would regain its dominion, and reign again, but it shall not. This is not a precept, exhortation, or admonition, as before, though some read it as such, “Let not sin have dominion over you”; nor does it express merely what ought not to be, but what cannot, and shall not be; it is an absolute promise, that sin shall not have the dominion over believers; and respects not acts of sin, but the principle of sin; and means not its damning power, though that is took away, but its tyrannical, governing power: “it shall not lord it over you”, as the words may be rendered; for in regeneration, sin is dethroned; Christ enters as Lord, and continues to be so; saints are in another kingdom, the kingdom of Christ and grace; could sin reign again over them, they might be lost and perish, which they never can: now this is a noble argument why saints should use their members as weapons of righteousness for God and against sin; since they are sure of being conquerors, and are secure from the tyrannical government of sin over them.

-John Gill

Long before we sinned in Adam, the Lord planned the salvation of his elect in Christ. The plan of salvation is not a path we follow to find God. It is the path God follows to find his elect.

-Pastor Don Fortner

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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