

## OPENING HYMN #42

All Hail the Power

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
  - Pastor Don Fortner from Grace Baptist Church in Danville, Kentucky is scheduled to preach here on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, January 22, 23.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 31:1-24

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## WORSHIP HYMN #175

Standing on the Promises

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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 #309

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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## MESSAGE

TO STAIN THE PRIDE OF ALL GLORY

ISAIAH 23:1-18

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## CLOSING HYMN #449

To God Be the Glory

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## THINGS TO PONDER

### God Is Able

That God is able in His mercy, grace, and wisdom to make a way for our sins to be laid on a substitute and the guilty sinner to go free is the greatest glory of His nature that He has seen fit to reveal. "O the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God; how unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out."

*-Pastor Henry Mahan*

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As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

*-Proverbs 25:25*

## What can God's people do in a reprobate age?

*2 Thessalonians 2:1-17*

There is no question about the fact that we are living in a reprobate age. Ours is a generation under the judgment of God. The spirit of antichrist is so thick in this generation of will-worship religion that you can cut it with a knife! Read the first chapter of Romans and tell me that I am mistaken! The marks of divine judgment, — Spiritual Blindness (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12) — Moral Perversity (Romans 1:27-28), — Self-Serving Chaos and Rebellion (Romans 1:29-32), are evident throughout our society.

These things are the results of what the Spirit of God calls “*will-worship*,” putting man in the place of God (Colossians 2:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:4), freewill, works religion, religion that debases the character of God and exalts the dignity of man. The more thoroughly convinced men are that salvation depends upon them the more vile they become!

In the light of the fact that we live in such a dark, dark day, this question weighs heavily on my heart: What can I do? What should I do to serve my generation by the will of God? What can we do to serve God our Savior and the souls of eternity bound sinners in this apostate generation?

What can God's people do in this reprobate age? If we could outlaw abortion, shut down the peddlers of pornography and smut, banish all drugs from our culture, and eradicate sodomites from the world, it would not move our generation one step closer to God. Our problem is much deeper than these things. These things are only the branches. The root is in the wicked heart of man. Nothing can deliver us from the judgment of God but the free and sovereign grace of God, electing grace, redeeming grace, regenerating grace.

Yet, there are some things we can and must do in this reprobate age. In these days of wholesale apostasy, in these days of spiritual darkness, famine, and utter perversion, we can give thanks to our God for his electing love by which we have been and are preserved from the delusions of freewill/works religion of antichrist (vv. 13-14).

We who have been taught of God must stand fast in the traditions, not in the traditions of religious custom and superstition, but in the traditions of Holy Scripture and gospel truth. Let others say and do what they will, for those of us who have experienced grace, hesitation, shifting, shirking, shrinking, evading, and compromise would be treason to the Son of God! We must stand fast in the gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ (v. 15).

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I will tell you something else we can do. We can pray, like Habakkuk of old. — If God is pleased to work his works of grace in this age, he can. And if it is his purpose to do so, he will do so in response to the fervent prayers of his people. “*As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children*” (Isaiah 66:8). — We might well pray the prayer of Habakkuk (Habakkuk 3:2). “*O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid. O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years. In the midst of the years make known. “In wrath remember mercy!”*” — There is yet a remnant, chosen of God and redeemed by Christ, who must be saved. Let us plead with God, putting him in remembrance of his covenant (Isaiah 43:26), that he might have mercy upon some, even in this Day of Judgment.

**-Pastor Don Fortner**

### **Where Does Grace Lead?**

Some people would have us believe that if we preach pure grace it will lead people to licentious living. They say if we remove the law as a guide or motivation for Christian living, people will have nothing to keep them holy. They say to tell a person to just follow Christ doesn't provide enough structure and will lead people to careless living. Is that where the gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ Jesus leads? Grace preachers have always been, and always will be, falsely accused of this devilish lie. The apostle Paul spent most of his time defending the gospel of grace against this lawmongers view of self-righteousness. “What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.” Rom 6:15 No, grace does not lead to sin, grace leads to Christ. Truth is; “The strength of sin is the law.” 1 Cor.15:56. Show me a man preaching the law, and I'll show you a people with no hope for their sin.

**-Pastor Greg Elmquist**

### **“Thy People Shall Be Made Willing”**

*Psalm 110:3*

God's elect worship and serve Him with willing hearts. We willingly believe, willingly worship, willingly give, and willingly do what we can for the glory of God. It is God who, by effectual grace makes us willing; but we are willing servants of the Most High God! Any worship, service or gift offered to God that is not done with a willing heart is an abomination to Him.

**- Scott Richardson**

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**Sunday January 13, 2019**

**“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**