

OPENING HYMN # 38

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Due to circumstances beyond his control, Pastor Don Fortner is unable to make his scheduled visit here this week. He wanted to let us know that he is willing to come out here for a weekend in March and/or April as the Lord provides and as our schedule allows. A new date will be posted once arrangements are made.
 - Brother Obie Williams from Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church in Kingsport, Tennessee is scheduled to preach here the weekend of February 16-17.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-28

WORSHIP HYMN # 314

I Am Thine, O Lord

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 # 308

Higher Ground

MESSAGE

DONE! **HEBREWS 10:9-14**

CLOSING HYMN # 164

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

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

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

Psalms 62:1-2

Raising Christian Children?

“But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.” *Jonah 2:9*

I read an article this week by this title: “*Raising Christian Children*”. What an absurd subject and title for an article in a magazine that claims commitment to the gospel of God’s free and sovereign grace!

What could be more contradictory to the revelation of God in Holy Scripture than to tell mere mortals that they are responsible and have the ability to raise Christian children. Can a creature create? The author seems to think he can. He begins his article by telling how a Sunday School teacher managed to get little girls in her class of three year olds to become new creatures in Christ by deciding to move from one side of the room to another!

Absurd as both the illustration and the article were, there are multitudes who, while claiming to believe the gospel of God’s free grace (not openly professed Arminians and will-worshippers) practice the kind of “evangelism” implied in the title and the illustration.

What multitudes today will be talked into a profession of faith in Christ, and will be convinced that they are Christians, because they have given assent to certain truths revealed in the gospel! Like the deluded three year old babies, they will decide to move from the *dammned* side of the class to the *saved* side!

Multiplied millions are convinced that they are raising Christian children because they had their children sprinkled with water as babies, and promised to raise them as Christians, or because they have their children in religious schools. And the children, (the poor, deluded sons and daughters of those deluded parents), foolishly imagine that they are Christians because they were raised as Christians!

A decision not to go to hell is not salvation. A choice to accept the doctrine of the gospel is not a new creation. A religious education is not a resurrection from the dead. Morality is not life. Reformation is not regeneration. How many ways can it be said? — Salvation is not something you do for God; but something God does for and in you!

I cannot give you eternal life. Your parents cannot bestow it upon you. And you cannot will or work your way into it. It really is a new creation; and the only Creator is God. “*Salvation is of the LORD!*”

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It is our great privilege and responsibility to proclaim the gospel to sinners, to train our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to seek God's mercy in Christ for them. Having done that, we can do no more; and must do no more. We will wait for God to do his work in his chosen at his appointed time of love. When he does, the sinner saved by omnipotent mercy will find himself trusting Christ. And if you trust Christ, you do not need me or any other man to tell you that you do, or tell you that you are saved.

While it is altogether right and good to declare to sinners, "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved*" (Acts 16:31), we rejoice to know and declare that all who believe have been saved. Else they could not and would not believe (John 3:36).

-Pastor Don Fortner

The Wonder of it All

I can appreciate the ability of the learned botanist to give me the scientific names of the rose, the origin of it, the various types of roses, how and where they grow, and the number of petals, thorns, and leaves to expect on a genuine rose; but too often those who become overly entangled in these things somehow lose the most important things, the beauty and fragrance of the rose!

I hope in our preaching, teaching and witnessing concerning the gospel of our dear Saviour we do not become more concerned with the system than the sweetness, with the mechanics rather than the mercy, with the right terminology rather than the right spirit and attitude.

You will soon weary my head if you don't warm my heart; and while I am eager to learn more of how, why, and when I got to Christ; I would like to rejoice and enjoy my relationship with Christ! He is my rose of Sharon, which brightens my life and sends His sweet fragrance through my soul. One can preach about Christ and not preach Christ, just as one can know how God saves sinners and not be a saved sinner. O the wonder of it all, just to think that CHRIST LOVES ME!"

-Pastor Henry Mahan

Appreciate the Dear Savior

The Lord Jesus is never fully valued until sin is clearly seen. A man must know something of the depth and malignity of his disease in order to love, honor, and appreciate the dear Savior.

-Scott Richardson

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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