

## OPENING HYMN #10

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Obie Williams from Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church in Kingsport, Tennessee is scheduled to preach here the weekend of February 16-17.
  - Brother Andre Gele is on his way to Albuquerque this morning for training. He sends his love to his brothers and sisters here and hopes to be able to join us next week.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 16:1-14

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## WORSHIP HYMN #460

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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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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## SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Thou Fount

*-Lexy McQueeney*

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## MESSAGE

STRANGE FIRE - COUNTERFEIT RELIGION

LEVITICUS 10:1-3

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## CLOSING HYMN #228

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

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## THINGS TO PONDER

The distressing, deep-seated evil of the old man in us and the relentless warring of the flesh against the spirit are instruments by which God the Holy Ghost graciously weans from trusting in ourselves, makes Christ more precious, and causes us to look away from self to Christ alone as all our Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption.

*-Pastor Don Fortner*

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The experience of salvation is the reception of the promise of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised and gave his elect in Christ before the world began (2 Tim. 1:10; Heb. 9:14-17).

*-Pastor Don Fortner*

## SUBSTITUTION

Proverbs 17:15

*“He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.”*

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*

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*All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.*

*Ecclesiastes 6:7*

## Sanctified Once

All of God's elect were "Sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:10), could we do anything to become more sanctified in the eyes of God, who sees us in Christ?

If our Lord Jesus, "Perfected for ever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:14), could we do anything to make us more perfect than what we are in Christ?

If Jesus Christ, "By Himself purged our sins" (Heb. 1:3), could we do anything to purge that which has already been removed?

If the blood of Jesus Christ, "Cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7), could we, who are washed in His precious blood, get any cleaner by our doings?

These are questions the works religionists cannot give a Biblical answer to. Many believe that by keeping the Law of Moses, they can become more sanctified, more holy in the sight of God. What is it about these verses they don't understand: "If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law" (Gal. 5:18). "Ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14). "Ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ" (Rom. 7:4). "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4). "The law is not of faith" (Gal. 3:12)?

Brethren, either Jesus Christ is all to us, or He is nothing at all to us.

*-Gene Harmon*

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## What must I do to be saved?

Ask that question to a dozen different people, and you may receive a dozen different answers: keep the Law of Moses; observe sabbaths; decide for Christ; come to the altar; travel the Roman Road; be baptized; get religion; say the sinner's prayer; join a church; do good works; go on a pilgrimage; fight in a holy war; etc.

But when a gospel preacher is asked that question, he replies, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:30f). Why? Because all that needs to be done for salvation, has already been done by the Lord Jesus Christ. The only thing souls desiring salvation need to do is to believe on Him. Salvation is not found in what we may do, but rather in what He has already done. Salvation is not obtained by our doing, but rather by our believing in the Doer. This is the way God saves His people (2 Thessalonians 2:13f). Are you among them?

*-Missionary Daniel Parks*

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**Sunday January 27, 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**