

OPENING HYMN #351

Near the Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Lord Willing, Brother Cody Henson will visit us again on Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8. As the Lord enables you, remember to pray for him and pray for the building up of the church of God in these troubling times. Pray for our President and the government and pray for peace that we may continue to share the gospel to a lost world.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:17 - 4:9

WORSHIP HYMN #58

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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 #512

Saved by Grace

MESSAGE

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I EVER LEARNED COLOSSIANS 3:11

CLOSING HYMN #116

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

THINGS TO PONDER

God is the source, the means, and the end of all things. By him all things are. Through his wisdom, power and goodness all things are brought to pass, directed, and governed. And to his glory all things shall terminate (Romans 11:36).

-Pastor Don Fortner

An old man testified that it took him forty years to learn three things: that he couldn't do anything to save himself, that God didn't expect him to, and that Christ had done it all.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING CHRIST

Philippians 3:1-11

I know that there are some things that are important to us; there are some people that are important to us. However, in light of our great need of Christ nothing else is that important. We need Him. As the woman with the issue of blood said, 'If I can but touch the hem of his garment, I shall be made whole.' Without Him we are lost, undone, and unaccepted by the Father. There is no material thing or human relationship that can supply my spiritual need; however, in Christ we are complete. In Christ we have all that we need to stand in God's presence accepted. I cannot express how important it is to know Christ; all material things will burn up, and all fleshly relationships will be dissolved. However, our relationship with Christ will never be dissolved nor diminished, and it will only grow sweeter. Judge the importance of everything in light of Him."

-Pastor John Chapman

SCARCELY SAVED

The righteous are said to be scarcely saved; not with respect to certainty of the event, for the purpose of God in their favor cannot be disappointed, but with respect to their own apprehensions, and the great difficulties they are brought through. But when, after a long experience of their own deceitful hearts, after repeated proofs of their weakness, willfulness, ingratitude, and insensibility, they find that none of these things can separate them from the love of God in Christ, Jesus becomes more and more precious to their souls. They dare not, they will not ascribe anything to themselves, but are glad to acknowledge, that they must have perished (if possible) a thousand times over, if Jesus had not been their Saviour, their Shepherd, and their Shield. When they were wandering He brought them back, when fallen He raised them, when wounded He healed them, when fainting He revived them. By Him, out of weakness they have been made strong: He has taught their hands to war, and covered their heads in the day of battle. In a word, some of the clearest proofs they have had of His excellence, have been occasioned by the mortifying proofs they have had of their own vileness. They would not have known so much of Him, if they had not known so much of themselves.

-John Newton

"Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Psalm 143:10-11

BAPTISM is not a sacrament by which grace is conferred upon sinners. Only the God of grace can confer grace; and he does it without the aid of man, by the irresistible, saving power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism does not save, or contribute anything to salvation. Baptism is “*the answer of a good conscience toward God.*” It is an act of obedience to Christ our Lord, who commands that all believers be buried with him in the watery grave to symbolically “*fulfil all righteousness.*” In the simplicity of this blessed ordinance, we identify ourselves with Christ, his gospel, and his people. See that you understand the seriousness of this blessed ordinance. By this symbolic act every baptized believer confesses these five things.

1. There is no other way of salvation for sinners except the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ as the sinners’ Substitute, according to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:1-3).
2. I trust Christ alone as my Savior and Redeemer (Gal. 2:20). As he identified himself with me, I now identify myself with him in the watery grave as one who was crucified with him.
3. Rising up from this watery grave, I declare to all the world that I am risen from the death of sin with Christ, both judicially (when he arose for me) and experimentally (in the new birth) (Eph. 2:1-5).
4. I belong to Christ, as his voluntary servant, I give myself to him, from henceforth to walk with him in the newness of life by the power of his grace (6:4-7).
5. Living by faith, I live in hope of the resurrection (Tit. 2:11-14).

-Pastor Don Fortner

THE TRUE CHARACTER OF UNBELIEF

In all unbelief there are two things — a good opinion of one’s self and a bad opinion of God. Man’s good opinion of himself makes him think it quite possible to win God’s favor by his own religious performances; and his bad opinion of God makes him unwilling and afraid to put his case wholly into His hands. The object of the Holy Spirit’s work (in convincing of sin) is to reduce his estimate of his own character that he shall think of himself as God does, and so cease to suppose it possible that he can be justified by any excellency of his own. The Spirit then alters his evil opinion of God, so as to make him see that the God with whom he has to do is really the God of all grace!

-Horatius Bonar

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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