

## OPENING HYMN #186

The Church's One Foundation

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are pleased to welcome brother Eric Lutter here again this morning to preach the gospel. It is such a blessing to see how the Lord graciously provides for His church in the wilderness.
  - The Lord willing, pastor Don Fortner will be visiting us in two weeks. Mark your calendar if you haven't already for Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 and 24. We plan to meet at 6:30 pm each evening and there will be refreshments after each meeting. Invite a friend!
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:6-13

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## WORSHIP HYMN #58

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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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 #125

Jesus Paid It All

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## MESSAGE

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JOHN 9:1-5

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## CLOSING HYMN #61

The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

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## THINGS TO PONDER

No more, my God, I boast no more  
Of all the duties I have done;  
I quit the hopes I held before,  
To trust the merits of Thy Son.

The best obedience of my hands  
Dares not appear before Thy throne;  
But faith can answer Thy demands,  
By pleading what my Lord has done.

*-Anonomous*

## God Sees No Sin in His People

“He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel.” (Numbers 23:21)

These words do not suggest that there was no sin or perverseness in Israel. There was an abundance of perverseness among them; but the Lord God did not mark the sins of his people against them. He did not impute sin to his chosen. He did not look upon their sins with the eye of his justice, but hid his face from them and forgave them. That which God did for his elect among the children of Israel, he has done for his elect in Christ, his true Israel, “the Israel of God.”

Though there is much sin in us and done by us, as every true believer readily admits and confesses (1 John 1:8, 10), yet the Lord our God sees no sin in his people. The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to destroy, purge, remove, and take away the sins of his people; and he has done it (John 1:29; Hebrews 1:3; 9:26; 1 John 3:5). All the sins of God’s elect were laid upon Christ. He bore them in his own body on the tree, endured and satisfied the wrath of God for them, and bore them away. The Son of God redeemed us from the curse of the law, made an end of our sins, and justified and sanctified us by his blood. God almighty has, through the effectual atonement of Christ, so thoroughly blotted out our sins that he does not behold them. He has cast our sins into the blessed, deep sea of divine forgetfulness. He has cast our sins behind his back. He has removed them from us as far as the east is from the west, and remembers them no more. Therefore, God sees no sin in his people!

I am fully aware that this doctrine is commonly rejected and despised by men. It has been described by some as “a freak doctrine of perverted minds that leads to licentiousness and sin.” Why? I simply do not know. I cannot imagine anyone, who has tasted the bitterness of his own depravity and sin and has experienced the blessed forgiveness of sin by the grace of God through the blood of Christ, objecting to the fact that God “hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel.” The fact that God sees no sin in his people is a most glorious, comforting doctrine of the gospel, “without which,” John Gill appropriately declared, “the gospel must cease to be good news and glad tidings to the sons of men.”

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Would you have this forgiveness? What would you give to go to bed tonight knowing that God almighty does not behold sin in you and will never charge sin to you, to lay your head upon your pillow tonight with these words ringing in your heart – “Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin?” If you are a sinner in need of such forgiveness, come now to the Son of God. Confess your sin to God, trusting Christ, and go your way, like the publican of old, justified. It is written in the Scriptures, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Both God’s faithfulness and his justice demand the forgiveness of all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

*-Pastor Don Fortner*

### **Our Righteousness**

There is but one human righteousness, and it is Christ, His Person and work. When we speak of “our Righteousness,” we are speaking of Him, for He is eternally, the Lord our righteousness (Jer 23:6). In this regard, as in all others, nothing can be added to, nor taken away from Him. Our gracious, loving Father has brought us the Best Robe, one woven throughout, without seam. Nothing we do can mar it, no matter how hideous our sin, and no imagined goodness that we perform can add a stitch unto it.

Do not presume that works of faith wrought in and through us by God, Who worketh in us both to will and do of His good pleasure (Php 2:13), are meritorious in any way or considered as supplemental to His. If we are considered in ourselves at all, even based on our best work, we are undone. And do not despair, though your sin become exceeding sinful to you. Of God are we in Christ Jesus, Who is made unto us Righteousness (1Cor 1:30). We have no other, and need no other.

*-Pastor Chris Cunningham*

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

*1 Cor 1:30*

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**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

**“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**