

OPENING HYMN #314

I Am Thine, O Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Don Fortner is scheduled to preach here the weekend of June 7-9. Lord willing we will meet Friday night at 6:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday morning at 10:30 am.
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SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:26-40

WORSHIP HYMN #127

Hallelujah! What a Savior

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 #326

More About Jesus

MESSAGE

A REVIEW, A PROMISE, AN INVITATION

ISAIAH 26:12-21

CLOSING HYMN #242

Jesus, I Come

THINGS TO PONDER

What is the evidence that God has elected a man, Christ died for that man, and the Holy Spirit has given life to that man? They persevere in faith and in the faith all the way to the end. “*He that endureth to the end shall be saved.*”

-Pastor Todd Nibert

Believers love one another by believing on Christ, by abiding in the doctrine of Christ and by persevering unto the end doing so. The apostle John addressed his brethren as those “*whom I love in the truth...for the truth’s sake*” (2 John 1-2). Brethren, we were once like Cain; we hated the brethren because of the truth. But now that God has made us pass from death to life, we love the brethren because of the truth.

-Pastor Clay Curtis

“*Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.*”

-Proverbs 27:1

Isaiah’s Gospel Song

Isaiah 26:1-21

Isaiah 26 is a song of praise to God for all that he has done for his elect, his church, his Israel. It looks beyond the physical nation of Israel, her physical troubles, and her physical deliverances. This is a song that Isaiah said would be sung in this Gospel Day. — “*In that day shall this song be sung*” (v. 1). Everything in this chapter, while historically applicable to the Old Testament nation of Israel, finds its fullest meaning in the experience of God’s church today. This, too, was “*written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope*” (Romans 15:4).

The first part of this song is a declaration of security and peace (vv. 1-4). The second part of the song is an encouragement to faith and confidence (vv. 5-11). The last part of this song is a celebration of God’s wonderful works (vv. 12-21). As we read the last verses in this chapter, let us remind ourselves once more of God’s great goodness to us. In verses 12-18 Isaiah speaks for us about us, and we have verified his words in our experience. In verses 19-20 the church encourages herself with the promise of Christ. And in verse 21 the church again speaks to the praise of God and for the encouragement of faith.

Peace

“*LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.*” — Whatever trouble we may experience on this earth, believers may comfort themselves with this fact. — God will ordain peace for us in the end. Every creature and every event, every experience and everything that comes to pass in the lives of God’s elect he will make to work for our peace. Even those things that seem to be altogether against us, he will cause to work for us, for our everlasting peace.

Debtors

“*Thou hast wrought all our works in us.*” — We are all debtors to the grace of God. We are not what we should be. We are not what we want to be. We are not what we shall be. But, blessed be God, we are not what we once were. And we are what we are by the grace of God. Whatever good work may be wrought by us, it is the result of God’s good work of grace wrought in us.

We are head over heels in debt to Christ; and our debt increases every second of every hour of every day. Only being acted upon do we act. — “*For it is God which worketh in (us) both to will and to do of his good pleasure*” (Philippians 2:13).

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Every grace that we exercise is the fruit of his Spirit and the gift of his grace (Galatians 5:22-24).

In our warfare within, that relentless warfare between flesh and spirit, in our constant warfare without, contending with the powers of darkness assailing our souls, and in every effort by which we seek to serve our God and his people, we prove with every breath that we live, and move, and have our being in and with Christ only by the grace of God. Without his grace working in us and for us, our best efforts are only breaking wind (v. 18).

-Pastor Don Fortner

I Did Not "Get Saved" - Christ Saved Me

Quite some time ago a man asked a question to one of our brethren concerning this congregation. He said: "Is anybody getting saved down there?" Depending on what denomination a person attends, that means: Have you gotten anybody to speak in tongues yet? Or have you gotten anybody to get baptized yet? Or some other thing that religion tries to get men and women to do.

Salvation is not in what we can get men and women to do. Salvation is in what Christ has already done! The terminology of a believing child of God is NOT: "I got saved", but "Christ saved me!" Usually a man who "gets saved" will get lost after awhile. But if God the Spirit ever reveals to a sinner that salvation is not his choice – God the Father chose to give him to Christ His Son! And salvation is not in any work the he must or can do – God the Son accomplished the work of His salvation to the fullest through the shedding of His own blood! Once it is revealed to a sinner that by the death of the Lord Jesus Christ "It is finished!" that sinner will no longer wonder if anybody is "getting saved", but he will cry: "Salvation is of the Lord!" (Jonah 2:9) The Lord will add daily to the church such as should be saved! (Acts 2:47) All that the Father has given to Christ shall come to Christ! And the sinner that comes to Christ, Christ will in no wise cast him out! (John 6:37) None shall be lost! (John 17:12) Every truly saved sinner will cry: I did not "get saved," CHRIST SAVED ME!

- Pastor Gabe Stalaker

Man must have a righteousness of one kind or another; and if he has not a God-given righteousness, he seeks to have one of his own making. As the spider spins her web out of her own bowels, so do sinful men try to manufacture a righteousness out of that which is within them; but this they can never do. The only righteousness which will stand the test of the Day of Judgement is that which God bestows upon believers in His Son Jesus Christ. Oh, that all men were willing to submit themselves to the righteousness of God!

-C.H. Spurgeon

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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