

OPENING HYMN #231

Jesus Saves!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here next weekend, May 18, 19. The Lord willing we plan to meet Saturday evening at 6:30 pm and Sunday at our regular time. We will serve a meal after each service.
 - Pastor Don Fortner is scheduled to preach here the weekend of June 7-9. We plan to meet on Friday evening, June 7 at 6:30 pm and Saturday morning at 10:30 am. Sunday we will meet at our regularly scheduled times.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

WORSHIP HYMN #326

More About Jesus

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 #452

My Saviour's Love

MESSAGE

THE GREATNESS OF OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST LEVITICUS 21:10-14

CLOSING HYMN #296

All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

THINGS TO PONDER

“Against thee, thee only, have I sinned...” Ps. 51:4

The severity of a crime is judged in large part by the innocence of the victim. A child abused by a trusted caretaker would be a much worse crime than a prison inmate being abused by a prison guard. Sin is the most heinous crime because it is committed against The Most Innocent.

-Pastor Greg Elmquist

The man who measures things by the circumstances of the hour is filled with fear; the man who sees Jehovah enthroned and governing has no panic.

- G. Campbell Morgan

The Lord Our Righteousness

“In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this [is the name] wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.” (Jeremiah 33:16)

This is a fact so indescribably glorious that it could not be believed by anyone were it not written upon the pages of Holy Scripture: — The Son of God is “*the Lord our Righteousness,*” and we who are God’s are “*the righteousness of God in him!*” We know, by constant, bitter experience, that all our righteousnesses are dross, and dung, and filthy rags. Our most righteous deeds are no more acceptable to the holy Lord God than utter blasphemy. Nothing can be found more precious to sinners who know themselves sinners than the fact that Christ is made of God unto us righteousness. He is so thoroughly made the righteousness of God unto us that we are “*the righteousness of God in him.*”

No Excess

How far can that thought be carried biblically? Is there danger of excess here? Must we be careful, lest someone carry this too far? Oh, no! That is impossible! Believing sinners are so thoroughly made the righteousness of God in Christ that God himself declares of his Church, “*This is the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord our righteousness.*” Roll that over in your heart until it overwhelms you.

His Name Our Name

If Christ is “*The Lord our Righteousness,*” as the Word of God declares he is, it is only reasonable and right that his Bride be called by his name. A loving, faithful wife always takes her husband’s name. She is not fit to be called a wife who refuses to do so. So, too, a good husband delights to give his wife his name, and he is honored for her to wear it and use it, because all that he is and has is hers. Yet, no earthly marriage comes close to fully portraying the union between Christ and his Church. Married to Christ, we have all that he has as our Mediator. Indeed, as his body and bride, we are “*the fulness of him that filleth all in all*” (Ephesians 1:23). It is written in the Book of God, “*He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit*” (1 Corinthians 6:17). Ours is a marriage union that transcends all marriage unions. Others shall be dissolved at death. Ours is forever (Hosea 2:19).

Blessed Union

“Christ loved the church and gave himself for it” (Ephesians 5:25). The Son of God came into this world in human flesh for us, lived in obedience to God for us, was made sin for us, died for us, arose for us, was exalted for us, intercedes for us, and reigns upon his throne for us.

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Everything he is as the God-man Mediator, he is for us. Everything he does, he does for us. Everything he possesses, he possesses for us and gives to us (John 17:22; Romans 8:17; Ephesians 1:3). Among all the things our all glorious Christ has wrought for us and given to us, none is more glorious, delightful, and satisfying than this: —“*He is made of God unto us Righteousness,*” and we are made “*the righteousness of God in him.*” His righteousness is our righteousness, presently and permanently. Therefore, we are, as the Word of God declares, “*meet (worthy) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light*” (Colossians 1:12). As in a true marriage, a husband is everything to his wife and a wife everything to her husband, so in this — Christ is everything to his Bride and she is everything to him; and the name of this holy couple is “*The Lord our Righteousness!*”

-Pastor Don Fortner

DEAD TO SIN

Romans 6:2

How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

There is a death TO sin. I'm not talking about death to the power of sin. I'm talking about death to the guilt of sin. I'm referring to a death to the condemning power of sin. In Christ I am dead to sin's charge against me. I am dead to sin's condemnation of me. I am dead to sin's judgment against me. Please understand me. I'm not saying that I am not dead to the influence of sin. I'm not dead to the temptation of sin. But the curse of sin has been removed from me. The claim sin had on me is now gone. My sin has been crucified with Christ.

If a man commits a horrendous crime and is sentenced to life in prison, and he dies before he begins to serve his sentence, can that man still serve his time? No! He is dead! He is dead to the charge, verdict, judgment and the condemnation of his crime. Being dead, the law can no longer extract justice from him. That's what every believing child of God who trusts in Christ alone has become. They have become DEAD TO SIN; they cannot live any longer therein.

-Pastor David Eddmenson

"My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

-John 18:36-37

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10:30 AM Morning Worship Service

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Sunday May 12, 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