

## OPENING HYMN #449

### To God be the Glory

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next week we is the first Sunday, we will have a fellowship luncheon after service. See Dee Anne for a signup sheet if you can bring a dish.
  - We will hold our mid-week meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Join us as we learn from Pastor Henry Mahan TV broadcast messages.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

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## WORSHIP HYMN #442

### Praise Him, Praise Him

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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 #420

### Bringing in the Sheaves

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## MESSAGE

### THE GREATNESS AND GLORY OF GOD

ROMANS 11:36

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## CLOSING HYMN #186

### The Church’s One Foundation

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## THINGS TO PONDER

Our God sits upon “the circle of the earth” (Isaiah 40:22). The word “circle,” as it is used here is very comprehensive. Our great Savior, the infinite God, sits upon the whole sphere of the earth, encompassing and ruling all creation. We who inhabit this globe are nothing but meaningless “grasshoppers,” “less than nothing, and vanity” (Isaiah 40:17).

-Pastor Don Fortner

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That God is able in His mercy, grace, and wisdom to make a way for our sins to be laid on a substitute and the guilty sinner to go free is the greatest glory of His nature that He has seen fit to reveal. "O the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God; how unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out."

-Pastor Henry Mahan

**“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;” Colossians 2:2**

There are believers who God has truly saved who do not realize they have assurance that God has truly saved them. One of the problems is where they look for assurance and what they think assurance is. We make a mistake if we look to past experiences, to religious works, to our fruit and love toward others, or if we seek a feeling. We, indeed, should seek assurance. But we will never have it if we seek assurance any place but where assurance is to be found. The assurance of understanding is given through the preaching of the gospel in spirit and in truth. (Col 1:23) It is revealed by God. (Col 1:26-27; Luke 10:21) And it is in Christ alone. So, if we would have true assurance of understanding we must come to God, hearing the gospel and believing on Christ.

First, full assurance of understanding is Christ himself. The hope of the gospel is not a what, it is a whom, “Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach,…” (Col 1:27-29) The full assurance of understanding is knowing Christ himself from Christ himself, “In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Col 2:3) The highest wisdom and knowledge we obtain is Christ, whom to know is life eternal. (John 17:3) “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:” (Col 2:5-6) When God reveals Christ in our heart, we do not begin in Christ then turn elsewhere for assurance. We go on walking in Christ, getting all wisdom and knowledge from Christ about Christ. (Col 2:7-9) Everything God will reveal to us concerning God, our salvation and our pilgrimage in this world is in Christ.

Two, full assurance of understanding is in what Christ has accomplished for his people. We have full assurance knowing we are complete in Christ. (Col 2: 10) Full assurance of understanding believes the body of the sins of our flesh has been put off by Christ, not by our hands. (Col 2: 11) We have full assurance believing that Christ accomplished this for us when our old man was buried in the baptism of God’s justice unto death when Christ endured that baptism on the cross. (Col 2: 12) Believers are fully assured believing our new man arose to eternal life with Christ when God raised him from the dead. (Col 2: 12) We have full assurance because while we were dead in our sins, God quickened us together with Christ, forgave us of all our trespasses, erased every charge against us, and took the law out of the way from barring our access to God. (Col 2: 13)

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Believer, full assurance of understanding is not found looking to self or listening to men who point us to the law. Assurance is given through hearing the truth preached in the gospel, by divine revelation, and is Christ and his finished works. By the term “assurance”, Paul means that we are settled on Christ in faith. When we know and believe the Lord Jesus we are done wavering between the various opinions of man’s vain imaginations. We stand fast in Christ, knowing we have this understanding from Christ so that we know the true Christ and are in the true Christ. The Apostle John said that, “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” (1Jo 5:20) Whether we have a feeling of assurance or not does not change the truth that the believer has full assurance because our full assurance is Christ Jesus the Son of God himself.

*Pastor Clay Curtis*

### **Great Plainness**

“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech.”  
2 Corinthians 3:12

I see a lot of men who claim to preach the Gospel of God’s grace in Christ Jesus, involved in a lot of hairsplitting confusion and debating of complicated irrelevancies. Thank God for those who, by His grace and power, preach the clear, plain simplicity that is in Christ Jesus. If little children cannot understand (intellectually) your gospel, then your gospel is worthless.

I know that the truth must be revealed by God and that it is unfathomable, but the Gospel our Lord preached, was and is not confusing or hard to understand. Even those who hated it (Him), and were ever learning yet never able to come to a knowledge of the truth, clearly understood what He was saying, though they were spiritually blind. You did not need a lexicon to refer to when our Lord preached. He did not carry a chalk board with Him and scribble diagrams, and chronological charts, or make endless, complex word studies.

People are dying and going to Hell while Doctors of Theology are rambling for hours without ever once simply telling anyone how a sinner can be saved by the free grace of God in Christ Jesus. How sad.

*Pastor Chris Cunningham*

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**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

**“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**