

## OPENING HYMN

A New Commandment

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are blessed to have brother Eric Lutter here this morning to preach the gospel. The Lord is gracious in providing for the needs of his church.
  - Lord willing Don Fortner will be visiting us next month for a couple of evenings Tuesday and Wednesday January 23 and 24. We will plan to meet at 6 pm each evening, so plan ahead, traffic will be slow that time of day.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-11

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## WORSHIP HYMN

Make Me a Captive Lord

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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

Be Thou My Vision

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## MESSAGE

Delivered From So Great a Debt

2 Corinthians 1:10

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## CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

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## THINGS TO PONDER

The most important aspect of a believer's life is public worship — the worship of God in the assembly of his saints, collectively singing his praise, calling upon him in prayer, and hearing the exposition of his Word by the preaching of the gospel.

*-Pastor Don Fortner*

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If any man ascribes anything of salvation, even the very least thing, to the free will of man, he knows nothing of grace, and he has not learned Jesus Christ rightly.

*- Martin Luther*

## Shun Vain Babblings

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." 2 Timothy 2:15-21

Paul speaks of two men who proved themselves wicked, Hymenaeus and Philetus. Scripture speaks of others: Phygellus and Hermogenes. False doctrine and the devilish spirit in which errors are preached must be regarded as a cancer and we are to shun them like we would a cancer— "Shun profane and vain babblings."

Yet, do not be shaken by such things. It is nothing new. The first family had a Cain. Noah's family had a Ham. Abraham had an Ishmael. Isaac had an Esau. The church in the wilderness had their Korah, Dathan, Abiram. In a great house there are vessels to honor and some to dishonor, so it is in God's house. "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

Still, remember, as heretics rise and fall throughout the ages, God's church stands unmoved and unmovable on the church's one foundation, Christ Jesus our Lord. Christ is the foundation on which this whole world is founded and by his covenant word upheld. (Heb 1: 3) Hymenaeus' and Philetus' of this world may try to point us to other foundations but fact is "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 3: 11) This is the foundation God our Father laid in eternity when he chose Christ to bring his elect to him without spot or blemish. Therefore, God our Father shall keep us believing only Christ and keep us hearing his gospel together with his saints. (Is 28: 16) This is why our foundation is sure. Christ entered covenant with the Father to save this people and present them faultless to the Father. "The word of his power" is Christ's covenant promise to the Father to lose none whom the Father entrusted to him. Our foundation is immovable because Christ fulfilled the justice of God.

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God's justice owes Christ our Redeemer every chosen child for whom he died and Christ shall have them. Our foundation is not temporary. The things that are seen are temporal. Our foundation is only seen with the eye of faith. It is not ice or earth or brick or stone. It is Christ Jesus and the Lord knoweth them that are his. This world and all the works thereof shall dissolve with a fervent heat but not before Christ calls all his people to repentance. Not one living stone upon this sure foundation shall be moved out of place. The Lord knoweth them that are his. Therefore our foundation is sure because Christ shall not and cannot fail!

*-Pastor Clay Curtis*

### CHRIST IS ALL, AND IN ALL

The scriptures declare in Col. 3:11, "Christ is all and in all." Those who believe Him and His covenant promises are convinced in heart and soul that CHRIST IS ALL!

1. Then if Christ is indeed all to me, the loss of anything in this world for His sake would be no loss at all. Paul said, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."
2. If Christ is all, then I can say at all times with Jacob, "I have everything" (Gen. 33:9-11). Esau said, "I have plenty," but Jacob said, "I have EVERYTHING." He, of God, is made unto us all things.
3. If Christ is all to me, then the pleasures, profits, and honors of this world will not interest nor influence me since they can add nothing to me nor take anything from me that really matters.
4. If Christ is all, when I stand before the tribunal of the eternal God, I will lack nothing that is necessary for eternal life and glory!

"They to whom Christ is all,  
Though lost and ruined by the fall,  
Shall see all danger over, past,  
Shall stand the storm and live at last;  
For what Christ said will be fulfilled,  
On this Rock believers build;  
His blood shall stand, His truth prevail  
Not one word or promise fail."

*-Pastor Henry Mahan*

"Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"  
*John 4:29*

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**Sunday, December 17, 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**