

## OPENING HYMN #36

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The 34th annual Sovereign Grace Summer Bible Conference at Rescue Baptist Church is next weekend July 4-7. Pastors Rick Warta, Gene Harmon, Donnie Bell, and Don Fortner will join Pastor John Reeves in preaching the gospel of God's Sovereign Grace in the choosing and saving of sinners.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 6:1-28

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## WORSHIP HYMN #258

He Hideth My Soul

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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 #318

I Need Thee Every Hour

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## MESSAGE

CHRIST IS ALL

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## CLOSING HYMN #256

It Is Well With My Soul

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## THINGS TO PONDER

Every religion except one puts you upon doing something in order to recommend yourself to God... It is the business of all false religion to patch up a righteousness in which the sinner is to stand before God. But it is the business of the glorious gospel to bring near to us, by the hand of the Holy Spirit, a righteousness ready wrought, a robe of perfection ready made, wherein God's people, to all the purposes of justification and happiness, stand perfect and without fault before the throne.”

*-Augustus Toplady 1740-1778*

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"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

*-John 15:16*

## The Most Important Thing I Have Ever Learned

Seven years ago (1975) God, in his adorable and gracious providence, taught me a very important lesson, a lesson which changed my life and ministry radically, a lesson which I hope never to forget. I had been preaching for eight years at the time, and I was about four and one half years into my first pastorate. During those earliest years of my ministry, I was a strict Calvinist and a thoroughly convinced Baptist. My doctrine was precisely accurate and orthodox. I gave myself relentlessly to the work of the ministry. But something was missing. My ministry lacked heart and fire.

Then the Lord laid me flat on my back in a hospital for twentyone days. The doctors told me I had cancer. It had already progressed to the advanced stages. immediately, I began to evaluate my life's work, thinking that it might come to an end in the near future. After honest, heartsearching evaluation before God, I had to conclude that those first eight years of preaching had amounted to very little, if indeed to anything. I could not see how I could have been profitable to anyone. I had been spinning my wheels in the sand. My heart was crushed in conviction, and I sunk in despair. My doctrinal orthodoxy gave me no comfort. But then the Lord God graciously taught me the most important thing I have ever learned. The words of the Apostle Paul flashed into my soul like a dazzling ray of light. They were burned into my heart as with a red-hot iron - "CHRIST IS ALL!" (Col. 3:11).

Never before or since have I made a vow to God. But in that hospital bed, I solemnly vowed to the Lord my God that if in his good providence he would be pleased to allow me to preach again, and if he would give me grace to do so, I would never again preach to men anything but Jesus Christ the Lord. That is the reason why I am' "determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified". It is my heart's determination to preach all of Christ and to preach Christ always. These past seven years I have not turned aside from my purpose. And God helping me, I never shall be. I am a thoroughly convinced Calvinist of the highest order, and I am a strict Baptist; but today there is a heart to my "body of divinity" and fire in my soul. It is just this - "CHRIST IS ALL!"

I thank God for what he has taught me. I confess to my shame that my own sinful pride kept me from seeing it before. You can be sure of this, God is going to teach you that "CHRIST IS ALL". Either in this life, or in the judgment, you will be taught that "CHRIST IS ALL". If you are one of his children, or one of his preachers, I pray that you will not have to be brought to the gates of death, or worse, to learn this lesson - "CHRIST IS ALL!"

*- Pastor Don Fortner*

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"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

*-Jeremiah 29:11-13*

*“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” -Matthew 7:13-14*

When an individual seeks to make the gate wider than Christ does and the road broader than Christ does, he has entered the wide gate and broad road that leads to destruction. The person who does this says by this action that he is more merciful than Christ. Under the cloak of love for souls and not being judgmental of others he is actually denying the Gospel. The gate is so strait that the only way you can get through it is if all you have is Christ. The road is so narrow that you will fall off into the precipice if you have anything more or less than Christ. If you can look at anything else that gives you confidence that you have entered the strait gate and are on the narrow road, you have actually entered the wide gate and are on the broad road that leads to destruction. The Lord says plainly that many are on the broad way and few are on the narrow way.

*“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” -Proverbs 14:12*

*-Pastor Todd Nibert*

### **Faith Which Worketh by Love**

When Christ gives a new heart and sanctifies his people, our Lord teaches his child to love one another and live the rest of our days by faith, trusting the precious promises of God to be all fulfilled for us in Christ Jesus our Savior. *“For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.” (Gal 5: 6)* Please understand what that verse means. It is not your law keeping nor is it your absence of law keeping that has a bearing on whether or not you are saved. Salvation is through faith in Christ. It is Christ alone who makes his child to differ and saves all those given to him of the Father.

Also, those saved by grace are not motivated by law nor are they without law. We do all from the single constraint of Christ’s love for us. It is not our love for Christ that motivates us in the new heart, though we do love Christ by God giving us a new heart. But it is Christ’s love for us that constrains the believer. Beholding Christ loving me who am altogether unlovable by my sins and transgressions which are against him, I am constrained to love my brethren whose sins and transgressions against me are far less.

*-Pastor Clay Curtis*

*“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.”*

*-Psalm 48:1*

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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**