

OPENING HYMN #42

All Hail the Power

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here next weekend August 24-25. Kimberly and their four children will be visiting. We plan to meet on Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at our regular time for the bible class lesson and service. There will be food and a time of fellowship following the Saturday evening service. Sunday after service we will be having tacos and fellowship at the Smith's home. All are welcome!
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SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-32

WORSHIP HYMN #255

Blessed Assurance

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 #129

At The Cross

MESSAGE

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

LEVITICUS 23:15.22

CLOSING HYMN #75

Abide With Me

THINGS TO PONDER

Preaching at one of our Bible conferences several years ago, Pastor Scott Richardson made a profound statement about preaching. He said, “Preaching is getting a message from God’s heart to my heart and delivering it to your heart. Anything else is just filling in time”.

-Pastor Don Fortner

Appreciate the Dear Savior

The Lord Jesus is never fully valued until sin is clearly seen. A man must know something of the depth and malignity of his disease in order to love, honor, and appreciate the dear Savior.

-Scott Richardson

Ordinances — Not Sacraments

I was asked recently why I use the word “ordinance” instead of “sacrament,” when referring to Believer’s Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. I responded, “Because Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are ordinances (commands) of Christ given to his Church, by which we both confess faith in him and remember him, not sacraments by which we receive grace from him.” The word “sacrament” is a papist term commonly retained by Protestants still drinking the wine of Babylon. A sacrament is thought to be a means by which grace is conferred upon, brought to, and received by the one who receives it, an outward sign of inward grace.

We do not practice sacramental, works religion! We who worship God in Spirit and in Truth observe the blessed ordinance of Believer’s Baptism, by which we confess our faith in Christ and our consecration to him, being buried in the watery grave and rising to walk in newness of life. We eat the bread and wine of the Lord’s Table in remembrance of him who loved us and gave himself for us, standing upon the tiptoe of faith, watching for his return.

-pastor Don Fortner

Constraining Love

"For the love of Christ constraineth Us" II Corinthians 5:14-15

All ministers of Christ and all believers in the Lord Jesus are under the strongest and most compelling constraint to do what they do and live as they live. They are motivated by "THE LOVE OF CHRIST"-His love for them and their love for Him! It is not the fear of hell, nor a desire for special rewards, nor to establish a righteousness that they engage in worship, works of faith, and labors of love. It is Christ's eternal love, which led Him to redeem them by His life and death, and the love of God for Christ and His church and kingdom which is shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Spirit. "All the law is fulfilled in one word— **"LOVE GOD AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER"** (Gal. 5:14). It is unreasonable to suggest that an unworthy sinner, loved with an everlasting love, chosen in Christ, redeemed by His blood, and called with a holy, heavenly calling, would disregard the commandments of His Lord and live a selfish, selfcentered, and worldly life! "For the love of Christ constraineth us...that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again."

-Henry Mahan

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

Approved and Entrusted With The Gospel
What A Privilege

There is one verse of scripture that I often read before praying, studying and preaching. Paul said in 1 Thessalonians, chapter 2, verse 4, "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts." It is always very sobering to me as a preacher of the gospel, to know that the glorious "Gospel of Christ" has been "allowed" (approved) of God to be put in trust with me." Preaching the Gospel is the greatest honor and privilege that could be bestowed upon a man. Hearing the Gospel is equally such a "PRIVILEGE." To be "put in trust with the gospel" (entrusted) with the Word of God, is a wonderful honor and a privilege, a gift given unto us by God.

Recently someone who knows me well asked me to do something one evening and then upon quickly realizing that it was Wednesday said, "O I forgot that you HAVE to go to church tonight." I replied, "No, I don't have to go. I GET to go, for it is a great privilege to go." The word "privilege" is defined as a "specific right and freedom granted only to a specific, particular person or group of people." A privilege is "something regarded as a rare opportunity of bringing a particular pleasure." Surely preaching and hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified are all those things. Do you count hearing the Gospel a glorious privilege that God has approved and entrusted you with? Or can you take it or leave it? Your answer will reveal a great deal concerning your heart!

-pastor David Eddmenson

The Holiness of God

Because God is holy, acceptance with Him on the ground of creature-doings is utterly impossible. A fallen creature could sooner create a world than produce that which would meet the approval of infinite Purity. Can darkness dwell with Light? Can the Immaculate One take pleasure with "filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6)? The best that sinful man brings forth is defiled. A corrupt tree cannot bear good fruit. God would deny Himself, vilify His perfections, were He to account as righteous and holy that which is not so in itself; and nothing is so which has the least stain upon it contrary to the nature of God. But blessed be His name, that which His holiness demanded His grace has provided in Christ Jesus our Lord. Every poor sinner who has fled to Him for refuge stands "accepted in the Beloved" (Eph. 1:6). Hallelujah!

-Arthur Pink

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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