

## OPENING HYMN #295

He Leadeth Me

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here the weekend of September 21-22. We plan to meet Saturday afternoon at 4 PM and Sunday morning at our regular times, the Lord willing we will enjoy dinner and fellowship following each service.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Peter 3:1-18

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## WORSHIP HYMN #255

Blessed Assurance

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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 #70

Holy, Holy, Holy

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## MESSAGE

THE LONG SUFFERING OF GOD

ISAIAH 30:18

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## CLOSING HYMN #18

Now Thank We All Our God

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## THINGS TO PONDER

### Substitution

The great God, in order to save his people, has taken our sin and guilt and laid it upon his only begotten Son, making him to be sin for us, even him who knew no sin. Having made his to be sin for us, God Almighty killed his Son as an infinite sacrifice for sin in our place, in strict accordance with Divine justice. In consequence of this transfer of sin, every soul that believes on Christ receives a perfect pardon and perfect righteousness. Christ was made sin that sinners might be made righteous the very righteousness of God, in him. This is substitution. This is the very heart of the gospel.

*-pastor Don Fortner*

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*Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.*

*Psalm 70:4*

## Contemporary ‘Worship’

‘Contemporary’ means modern, up to date, according to present styles and fashion. Therefore, so-called ‘contemporary worship’ is **WORLDLY**. It is an attempt to make religion suitable to modern man, no matter how perverse he has become. All of the so-called ‘gospel’ music today is the worst form of this ‘contemporary’ stuff they call worship and is the product of the false gospel being preached today. Quite simply, the reason for all of this is, “*there is no fear of God before their eyes*”; the way people profess to worship God today, is irreverent, blasphemous, and worldly. It is very evident what it is all about. If it looks and sounds like a rock concert, that’s because it is! If it looks and sounds like a bluegrass concert, that’s because it is! If it looks and sounds like a Hollywood production, that’s because it is! If it looks and sounds like it’s about money, that’s because it is!

God is to be worshipped with fear, sobriety, reverence and in a Biblical manner. Our songs and all we do, should reflect the serious nature of what we do. We are in the presence of the Holy God! This is not a concert or a fun time, but a time of worship.

*- pastor Paul Mahan*

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## The Jesus Men Do Not Hate

When Christ walked upon this earth, men hated Him. Does not the cross speak loudly of how men hated the Christ? But there is a Jesus men do not hate. It is the Jesus that men believe they can control. The one whose will can be thwarted by our will. The one whom men can accept or reject. The one who cannot save unless we of our own free will allow Him to save us. Nobody hates a Jesus they can control. The problem is - that Jesus is an idol invented by men to take the place of the Lord Jesus Christ that they hate. He is the One who has sovereign control over all. The One over whom men have no control. The Lord Jesus Christ, in whose hand all men are. The One who can accept or reject us. This Jesus men hate because they see no safety in salvation being in His hands. But in reality, the only place of safety is in the hands of the sovereign Christ.

*-pastor Todd Nibert*

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The Holy Scriptures DO NOT teach that God loves everybody in the world. However, God’s Word DOES teach that He loves everybody that loves, believes, and trust wholly in His Son.

*-Pastor David Eddmenson*

### **How Shall They Believe on Him of Whom They Have Not Heard?**

Last Sunday evening I listened very carefully to one of America's most well known fundamentalists preachers. On his nationwide television broadcast he was talking about his "salvation experience", and this is what he said, "When I got saved, I did not know anything at all about the Bible, I could not quote one verse of scripture, and I did not know anything at all about the Lordship of Christ; I simply believed that there was somebody in heaven who loved me and would forgive me of my sins." His testimony, I am sure, was true to his experience. It reflects the essence of "easy believism" and "decisionism".

But in the text quoted above, and in the whole context of Romans chapter ten, Paul tells us that true faith and true salvation comes as the result of knowledge. Do not misunderstand me, I do not suggest that you must become a theologian to be saved, or that you can obtain salvation by your own mental powers; but I do say that where there is no knowledge of the gospel there is no true saving faith. Gospel preachers are sent into the world to declare unto all men the gospel of Christ, the accomplishment of salvation through him, so that they might believe unto the saving of their souls.

If simply believing that there is somebody in heaven who is willing, by some means, to forgive my sins is salvation, then all religious people everywhere are saved (Catholics, Buddhists, Moslems, Russellites, etc.), and worldwide evangelism is a farce.

No, it is not enough simply to believe, you must believe what God reveals in His Word. In order to believe on Christ, you must know something about Christ. You must know Who He is. He is the God-man, the Lord of glory. Salvation begins with a knowledge of Christ's Lordship. Everywhere in the New Testament men and women sought mercy from the hands of the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not possible for me to trust Christ as the all-sufficient Savior of my everlasting soul until I know who he is, the Lord Jesus Christ. And you must know what the Lord Jesus Christ has done. Being both God and man, by his one great sacrifice, through the shedding of his blood unto death, the Lord Jesus Christ has put away all the sins of all who trust in Him, and now the risen exalted Christ, reigns in heaven to save sinners. This saving knowledge that produces faith comes by divine revelation through the preaching of the gospel. Anyone who is totally ignorant of the gospel cannot believe the gospel.

*-pastor Don Fortner*

What is a preacher? A preacher is a nobody, who tells everybody, about Somebody, who can save anybody.

*- Scott Richardson*

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**Sunday September 8, 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**