

## OPENING HYMN

Sat: #36

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sun: #42

All Hail the Power

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are thankful to announce that brother Kevin Thacker has accepted the call to pastor this congregation which God has gathered for the purpose of proclaiming salvation to chosen redeemed sinners by the merit of the Lord Jesus Christ alone. May God our Father enable us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace as we seek to serve one another looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: Revelation 19:1-9

Sun: Romans 4:1-25

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## WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #460

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Sun: #33

Stand Up and Bless the 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

Sun: #235

Pass Me Not

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## MESSAGE

**SAT - PERSUADING AND PLEASING**

**GALATIANS 1:10**

**SUN – FOUR TYPES OF GROUND**

**MARK 4**

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## CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #359

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Sun: #290

Be Still, My Soul

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## THINGS TO PONDER

In the new birth there is nothing changed in the flesh...it is still sinful flesh. But in that same new birth, there is an imparted new man born from heaven that is holy and does not sin.

– *pastor Marvin Stalnaker*

## What Is Grace?

*Galatians 2:21*

Paul tells us repeatedly that we are saved and justified, called and sanctified, preserved and glorified by the grace of God, without our works; but what is grace? Almost all professing Christians say they believe that salvation is by grace. The Word of God lays such heavy emphasis upon the fact that salvation is by grace that it is very difficult for anyone to claim to believe the Bible and yet openly deny that salvation is by grace. Papists, pentecostals, and fundamentalists, all claim to believe in salvation by grace. But most people think and speak about grace in such a way that they frustrate the grace of God.

That is the reason Paul declared, "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain!" The grace that most people talk about is not grace at all. It is so mixed with human merit and human works that it is "no more grace" (Rom. 11:6). Grace that looks to the worth of man, waits upon the will of man, or depends upon the work of man is frustrated grace; and frustrated grace is not the grace of God!

Grace is the unmerited favor of God. Grace is free! Grace is unconditional! Anything earned, merited, or deserved by you is not grace. The man who thinks he deserves God's salvation does not believe in grace. The person who imagines that his acceptance with God depends upon his will, his works, or his worth, does not believe in grace, as the Bible speaks of grace. He has fallen from grace (Gal. 5:2, 4). Such people may talk about grace, but grace does not mean to them what it does to poor, helpless, guilty, bankrupt, self-condemned sinners, whose only hope is Christ.

No one will ever honor and extol the grace of God until he has experienced it. It was only after he had experienced it that Paul declared, "By the grace of God I am what I am." Before that, though he was religious, he was a blasphemer who hoped for salvation by something he did. Paul took no credit for his conversion. He ascribed the whole of his salvation to God's free grace alone. He knew he did not make himself to differ from others. A great change had taken place in his heart. His opinions, affections, ambitions, desires, hopes, and motives had been radically changed; and he attributed the change to the grace of God alone.

– *pastor Don Fortner*

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What is the difference between faith and intellectualism? Faith believes what it does not understand. Intellectualism pretends to understand what it does not believe.

– *pastor Greg Elmquist*

## Two natures in every believer

In Romans chapter 7 we have two natures identified which are in every believer. One is called “sin that dwelleth in me”, the other is described as wanting to do good, and as not having done the evil that the other does (7:20). One is said to serve the law of God, and the other, the law of sin. Here they are called flesh and spirit. Those who walk after the Spirit are not sinless, because they are still flesh also. But neither does sin have dominion over them, because, by God’s grace and the work of Christ for and in them, they are spirit. Our flesh is still just as wicked as ever it was and always shall be. It never improves. Those who deny the existence of the new nature are forced to attribute worship, love for God, faith and all other graces to an improved flesh, an influenced flesh, but this is just an example of one error leading to another.

We are still flesh, and with that flesh we still serve the law of sin (7:25), and we always will, but thank God, we walk after the Spirit. We do love God, though, because of the flesh, we do not yet love Him as He is worthy to be loved. We worship God, yet, the flesh hinders us in it. We believe while being forced to cry, “Help thou mine unbelief”. We acknowledge our sin, by His grace, but we also praise Him who hath made us free insomuch that we do believe on Him, and “He that believeth on him is not condemned ...” (John 3:18). No condemnation. Hallelujah!

*-A.W. Pink*

## The Best Promoter Of Holiness

The way of salvation by grace is the best promoter of holiness in all the world. A man once said, "I went to hear Spurgeon in the Tabernacle this morning, and he was crying out against salvation by works. The worst results will come of his teaching, for men will find in free grace an excuse for sin." No! No! They will not! Salvation by grace promotes good works far better than the teaching of salvation by works ever did. Those who hope to be saved by their works generally have scanty works to be saved by while those who put works aside altogether as their ground of hope, looking instead to grace alone, are generally the most zealous to perform good works. Who loved Christ best at the Pharisee's feast? Simon the Pharisee, who had kept the law, or the woman at His feet seeking grace and mercy? Simon gave Him no kiss, no oil, and no water for His tired feet (a common courtesy). The woman served Him with her entire self and possessions. The case is clear and closed!

*-Henry Mahan*

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**Sunday September 22, 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**