

## OPENING HYMN #460

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kevin is preaching the second hour for pastor Clay Curtis this morning at the church in Ewing, brother Clay is preaching for pastor David Pledger in Houston this today.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:28-69

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## WORSHIP HYMN #46

O For a Thousand Tongues

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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 #359

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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## MESSAGE

**GOD IS MY DEFENCE**

**ISAIAH 31:1-9**

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## CLOSING HYMN #222

There Is a Fountain

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## THINGS TO PONDER

God commands his servants to speak to the hearts of his people (Isa. 40:1); but no man can speak to the heart of another man, unless God the Holy Spirit speaks through that man. So pray for the man who preaches the gospel to you. Oh, may God speak through his servant!

*-pastor Don Fortner*

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DISCONTENTMENT is the penalty we must pay for being ungrateful for what we have. Very little is needed to make a happy life; but unfortunately, one of the weaknesses of our age is an apparent inability to distinguish need from greed. Paul said, “Having food and raiment, let us be content.” Remember, it is not the happy people who are thankful. **It is the thankful people who are happy!**

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## Himself

*“Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins...” Galatians 1:3-4*

As the years roll along, I yearn more and more for that assurance that my sins are put out of God’s sight. How is it that the Holy Lord is pleased with me? One word comes to view; HIMSELF. If I think on the grand doctrine of election, there is no comfort unless that word HIMSELF appears. I must be careful not to be taken up with the doctrines of the gospel and leave HIMSELF out. Doctrine is cold unless the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ is uppermost therein.

He is all of salvation. He did not come merely to bring salvation, but He HIMSELF is salvation. (Galatians 2:20) *“He loved me and gave HIMSELF for me.”* He Himself is the good news. Eternal redemption is found in His life, death, and resurrection, and He is the gospel. (1 Peter 2:24) *“Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree.”* The only reason I am pleasing unto God is because of HIMSELF.

Men say that we are cleansed by His blood and that is true, but it is only because that blood was a part of Himself. If we are chosen, we are chosen in Himself. There is no justification unless it is the righteousness of God in Himself. Everything is bound up in the life and death of God’s dear Son Himself.

Not only is this true, but salvation must be in Himself alone. (Hebrews 1:3) *“He by Himself purged our sins.”* Every man to be saved must rest his whole soul upon Christ Himself. Do not ever think a good thought about yourself. O that every mouth might be stopped in talking about self (Romans 3:19). When we are brought to the place of ceasing talking about ourselves, then, and only then, will we ever see the truth that *“Once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of HIMSELF”* (Hebrew 9:26).

If you have been brought to the place of a sinner who has nothing, knows nothing, can do nothing, then none but the Lord Jesus HIMSELF will give you peace and rest. You see, it is either **yourself** or **Himself**. You would not really stand before the Holy Lord God in yourself, would you? This would be the height of insane depravity. By the grace of God I have been enabled to say that it is **HIMSELF** in totality.

*- Jack Shanks*

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-Nobody ever outgrows scripture; the Book widens and deepens with our years.

*-C.H. Spurgeon*

## Grace - Both Sure and Free

*"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37*

Here our Lord teaches us the twin truths of Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility. These two truths are not enemies; they are friends. We do not have to choose one or the other. Both are true. Any man who believes either, as it is taught in the scriptures, must believe the other.

God has a people whom he will save. As surely as the bible is true, God has a people whom he has chosen and who are redeemed by the blood of Christ. All of these must and shall, in due time, be brought to Christ in true faith, by the sovereign will and power of God. God's purpose shall never be thwarted. His will cannot be overturned. And his grace will not be frustrated. And it is equally true that whosoever will come to Christ by faith shall have eternal life. The Son of God himself says that, he will not refuse any sinner who comes to him in true faith! Jesus Christ is both able and willing to save to the uttermost all that come to the Father by him. If you go to hell, you will have no one to blame but yourself. You have been invited to Christ. God himself invites you. But you would not come! Nothing but your sinful will keeps you from him!

To all who come to Christ, having been given to him in eternal election and by irresistible grace, this promise is given, "I will in no wise cast (them) out". Here is the security of God's elect! Jesus Christ says, I will never, no never, under any circumstances, for any reason, at anytime, under any pretence cast out of my arms, my love, my power, my favor, or my grace any sinner who comes to me! "More secure is no one ever than the loved ones of the Savior." The Good Shepherd keeps his own sheep. He will not lose one of them!

To be sure, God's grace in Christ is both certain and free. Will you come to Christ and receive grace from the hands of the sovereign Lord? Or, will you perish in your proud unbelief?

*-pastor Don Fortner*

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### ***"Thy People Shall Be Made Willing" - Psalm 110:3***

God's elect worship and serve Him with willing hearts. We willingly believe, willingly worship, willingly give, and willingly do what we can for the glory of God. It is God who, by effectual grace makes us willing; but we are willing servants of the Most High God! Any worship, service or gift offered to God that is not done with a willing heart is an abomination to Him.

*- Scott Richardson*

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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**