

OPENING HYMN #36

A Mighty Fortress is Our Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Lord willing we plan to have an ordination service for our pastor Kevin Thacker the weekend of December 7-8. Pastor's Don Fortner and Clay Curtis will bring messages on Saturday at 4 pm and Sunday morning per our regular schedule. We'll provide more information and meal planning as the time approaches. We hope everyone will mark the date and plan to be here for this time of rejoicing!
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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 4:1-17

WORSHIP HYMN #314

I Am Thine, O Lord

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 #468

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

MESSAGE

IS IT REALLY SAFE AND WISE TO TRUST THE LORD? LEV 25:18-22

CLOSING HYMN #186

The Church's One Foundation

THINGS TO PONDER

“...*Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here...*” Luke 24:5-6

Are you trying to seek the Lord among this world's ‘dead’ religion? I don't care if you are very sincere, very knowledgeable or even fanatical; if you think that you can find Christ by dead works, ceremony or law you are seeking Him, the glorious living one, amidst life-less and vain religion. And the word from God directly to you is: He is not here.

-pastor Drew Dietz

"Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge."

-Proverbs 23:12

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; Ephesians 3:8

Christ made Paul behold his nothingness before God used Paul to preach the gospel. A man cannot preach grace until he knows just how fully salvation is by God's grace. Grace is for sinners; grace is for those who are “less than the least.” The sinner is nothing. Christ is all. When Christ made Paul know his nothingness then Christ became all to him. Before, Paul had his letters, he was riding high in the saddle, he was doing what he would do. But after Christ put him in the dust, “he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do.” (Acts 9: 6) This is the difference between a sinner trusting in his own will and God's will, the difference between being saved by grace and works, the difference in the heart of the man who is sent of Christ and the one who is running on his own. And what did Christ command Paul to do? Paul says, “that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

When stripped of our counterfeit riches then we desire only “the unsearchable riches of Christ.” Men like to ramble on just to hear themselves. The goal is not for others to hear what all we can say about the scriptures; the goal is to get sinners to hear what the scriptures already say. There is no good news in the message of men or of salvation by works. Take a man paralyzed from his neck down. The message of salvation by works would not give that man any hope. Every sinner is just that unable to save himself by his works. The message of grace is the message which declares Christ has done it all and that Christ continues to do it all using empty, earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us. (2 Cor 4: 7) The gospel declares Christ has put away the sin of his people, is calling his people, is keeping his people and shall lose none of his people. And his people contribute zero. “The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass...but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” “Thy God reigneth!” (Isa 40: 6; 52: 7)

-pastor Clay Curtis

We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord

2 Corinthians 4:5

Self-serving men preach themselves: from themselves, for themselves, and about themselves. God's servants preach Christ. They get their message from Christ. They preach for the glory of Christ. And they preach Christ. Knowing that they are nothing, have nothing, and can do nothing, they preach Christ who is “*All in all*” and “*all the counsel of God.*”

-pastor Don Fortner

If God Will, He Can

Mark 1:40 "And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."

There are TWO words that are commonly used day in and day out in the English language that should never follow the word "God" in a sentence. The first word is "want" (wanting, wanted), and the second is "try" (trying, tried).

God has never wanted to do anything that He did not do. God has never tried to do anything that He has not accomplished. God does not want to save sinners. He saves sinners. God is not trying to save sinners, He will have mercy and compassion on whom He will (Romans 9:15). May God truly teach us what He taught the begging leper. That poor fellow had a great need and he knew it. He was full of leprosy. But he was made to know something that many never are. He knew that God could, because God can do anything and everything, yet his greatest desire was to know if God would.

-pastor David Eddmenson

Divine Sovereignty

The sovereignty of God may be defined as the exercise of His supremacy. Being infinitely elevated above the highest creature, He is the Most High, Lord of heaven and earth. Subject to none, influenced by none, absolutely independent; God does as He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases. None can thwart Him; none can hinder Him. So His own Word expressly declares, *"My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isaiah 46:10); "He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand" (Daniel 4:35).* Divine sovereignty means that God is God in fact, as well as in Name, and He is on the Throne of the universe, directing all things, working all things *"After the counsel of His own will" (Ephesians 1:11).*

- A. W. Pink

Freeness of Grace

I do not come into this pulpit hoping that perhaps somebody will of his own free will return to Christ. My hope lies in another quarter. I hope that my Master will lay hold of some of them, and say, "You are mine, and you shall be mine. I claim you for myself." My hope arises from the freeness of grace, and not from the freedom of the will.

-Charles Spurgeon

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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