

OPENING HYMN #255

Blessed Assurance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The schedule for the upcoming ordination services has been set:

Friday December 6: 7:00 pm Pastor Don Fortner
Saturday December 7: 4:00 pm Pastor Clay Curtis
Sunday December 8: 10:00 am Pastor Don Fortner
11:00 am Pastor Clay Curtis

We plan to have some light snacks following the Friday evening service.
A meal will be served after services Saturday and Sunday.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:1-21

WORSHIP HYMN #354

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

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 #293

The Lord's My Shepherd

MESSAGE

THE CHARACTER AND BLESSEDNESS OF GOD'S ELECT ISA 33:15-19

CLOSING HYMN #186

The Church's One Foundation

THINGS TO PONDER

Faith in Christ is not to work but to cease from our labor and to rest in Him for all things. Faith in Christ is not to do anything, but to believe and own that all is done in Him, by Him, and is imputed to us so fully that we are rewarded as if we did it ourselves!

-Henry Mahan

Do yourself a favor... Do your soul to favor.. Avail yourself to every opportunity of hearing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. God speaks to man through his word, he spoke to me; who knows, he may speak to you.

-Scott Richardson

We Are His Workmanship

Ephesians 2: 10

All of the good works declared in this verse of Holy Scripture are the good works of faith. They are marvelous, supernatural works which manifest the power and presence of God in those who are enabled to do them. By these works the believer is set apart from all those pretenders of the faith; the believer's faith being justified by these good works. (See James 2: 14-26) There are five good works which every believing soul is ordained to walk in.

The first good work is the work of repentance. Repentance is a turning from ones self to the true and living God. It requires a spiritual awakening to sin. (See Romans 7: 8-9) It is a despising of ones self. Repentance is a discovery that we are altogether as an unclean thing and all our righteousness' are as filthy rags. (See Isaiah 65: 6) Where is one in all of Adams fallen race that will take his place outside the camp with the lepers? Is there any of Adams sons that can look within and cry, O, wretched man that I am who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Romans 3: 11 answers, “There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.” Only believers repent.

The second good work unique to only believers is love. The love of God can only be perceived by the believing heart seeing the Father sending his only begotten Son to suffer and die in our stead: That which reconciles the rebellious sinner is to see the hand of God making him to be sin for us who knew no sin. No matter who makes the boast; he that loves not knows not God; for God is love. (I John 4: 7)

Submission is the third remarkable work of God in the believer: Parents over their children, husbands over their wives, employers over employees, civil government over the people, pastors over the assemblies and Christ over all. None but the believing heart can see such a glorious rule and put himself without reservation into the hands of God's reigning king and submit to his rule.

The fourth work is worship. Only believers worship. “We are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.” (Philippians 3: 3)

The last good work ordained of God in which only the believer can walk is perseverance. (See Hebrews 10: 38-39) Only a believer is content to walk in faith resting in the person and work of his redeemer and wait patiently for his return. (See I John 2: 19)

These are the good works of faith and every believing soul created anew of God by his diving decree will walk in them.

-pastor Darvin Pruitt

A Rare Question

This week a woman asked me a question I rarely, if ever, have been asked. She asked, "What is different about your religion from all the other religions in the world?" What a good question! My answer to her was this, "The gospel of God's sovereign grace in Christ Jesus is the one message out of all religions in the world that declares God does it all. Every other religion, not matter if it calls itself Christianity or something entirely different, puts a work in the sinner's hand for salvation. The gospel declares salvation is of the LORD: God chose whom he will save, the Son came in human flesh and accomplished their redemption from sin, Christ brings the gospel in truth to each one, the Holy Spirit regenerates them, gives them faith and repentance by which they believe on Christ, and God keeps them until the day he brings them home to glory. So God gets all the glory; man gets none. This is offensive to natural sinners. But God gives His people a new heart so that we delight for God to have all the glory."

My new friend said she had never heard anything like that. She asked for our website so she can hear more. Pray for her that the Lord will make her do so.

-Pastor Clay Curtis

Hell Is Not the Issue

Many, so called preachers, especially Baptist preachers, make much of the place called hell. To them, salvation is all about heaven and hell. The issue of salvation has nothing to do with a place. The real issue is, how can a sinful man like me stand in the presence of a Holy God and be accepted. It has to do with being made one with God, being able to have fellowship with God. God is light, and I am darkness, God is holy, and I am sin. There cannot be two more different people than God and me. How can I be in union with the Almighty? The answer is found in the gospel of Christ and him crucified. In Jesus Christ I am complete, Colossians 2:10. I have everything God requires me to have, and to be, in Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:30. Almighty God who is holy and just, gracious and merciful, and I, a sinful man, can meet in Christ and be one, have fellowship and walk together in unity. Now that is good news.

-Pastor John Chapman

Grace To Forgive

No one has ever done anything to or against me that can even begin to compare with what I have done to and against my God, both before he saved me and since. If God in heaven has forgiven me, it should be easy for me to forgive you of anything. Spirit of God, give me such grace.

-pastor Don Fortner

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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