

OPENING HYMN #452

My Savior's Love

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

1 Thessalonians 4:9-5:15

WORSHIP HYMN #294

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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 #351

Near the Cross

MESSAGE

PERFECT LOVE

1 JOHN 4:18

CLOSING HYMN #222

There Is A Fountain

THINGS TO PONDER

My dear old friend, John Mitchell, used to say, "You will never appreciate the anchor until you are in the midst of the storm." And Jesus Christ our Lord is not only our anchor, but our Pilot as well. Newton said, "Our sea may sometimes be stormy, but we have an infallible Pilot, and shall infallibly gain our port." Our Pilot who directs us into the storms will be our anchor in their midst until he guides us out on the other side into our desired haven.

-pastor Bruce Crabtree

"thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds."

Psalms 57:10

Perfect Love

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.” (1 John 4:18)

That perfect love that casts out fear is not our love for one another or our love for God, but God’s love for his elect. Perfect love is God’s love. It is everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3), free, unconditional love (Hosea 14:4), electing love (Romans 9:13-18), predestinating love (Ephesians 1:3-6), redeeming love (John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 3:16; 4:9-10), immutable love (Malachi 3:6), and indestructible, unquenchable love (Song of Solomon 8:7).

If ever you come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and are given the sweet assurance of God’s perfect love for you in his darling Son, the knowledge of that love will cast out fear from your soul.

No Fear in Love

I do not suggest that God’s saints in this world live without fear, but I am saying that we should. And I am saying that as God the Holy Ghost assures us of the perfect love of God for us, he makes us fearless. — *“Perfect love casteth out all fear!”* — *“He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”* That is to say, he who fears does not have the love of God made perfect in him. — *“Perfect love casteth out all fear!”* The blessed assurance of God’s perfect love in Christ casts out the fear of divine judgment, wrath, and punishment; it casts out the fear of providential matters; it frees us from the fear of men, fear of death, and fear of eternity.

Unquenchable Love

That perfect love that casts out all fear is described for us in the 8th chapter of the Song of Solomon as unquenchable love. — *“Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.”*

What a description Solomon gives of the love of Christ, the *“love that passeth knowledge.”* It is our blessed Christ who says, *“I raised thee up under the apple tree.”* And it is our dear Savior who says, *“I have loved thee with an everlasting love, and with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.”* It is God our Savior who declares, *“I drew them with cords of love, and with the bands of a man.”* He found me in a desert land, and in a waste howling wilderness. — *“Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it.”*

Our Prayer

The Lord Jesus declares his love to his church; and she replies, *“Set me as a seal,”* not only on thy heart, but also on thine arm, the place of your love and the place of your strength, the place of the most tender emotion and deepest passion, and the place of power, safety, and work.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? His love is invincible and irresistible as death. It is a jealous love, as unyielding and unalterable as the grave. It is comparable to fire, coals of fire, the very flame of Jehovah.

-pastor Don Fortner

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 what it is! If it looks and sounds like a bluegrass concert, that's what it is! If it looks and sounds like a Hollywood production, that's what 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. We should conduct our services and ourselves in such a way, that if the prophets or apostles walked in, they would say: *"Now that is how God is to be worshiped."* Paul gave instructions to us, *"that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the Truth"* (1 Tim.3:15). 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. Joy and gladness yes, but as scripture says: *"Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling."* (Psalm 2:11)

-pastor Paul Mahan

Great Comfort

Believer, you will find great comfort reading the Apostle Paul's statements in the first person applying them to yourself. Notice, it is not "as if" but fact.

"I am crucified with Christ." (Gal 2: 20)

"[My] old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed." (Rom 6:6)

"The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Rom 8: 2)

"I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." (Gal 2: 20)

"[I am] dead, and [my] life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is [my] life shall appear, then shall [I] also appear with him in glory." (Col 3: 3-4)

-pastor Clay Curtis

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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