

## OPENING HYMN #450

Isn't The Love of Jesus Something Wonderful

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The church in Rescue is holding their Winter Bible Conference the weekend of January 24-26. Kevin will be preaching there Friday evening and Saturday morning.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

2nd Corinthians 6:14 - 7:7

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## WORSHIP HYMN #258

He Hideth My Soul

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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 #224

I Know Whom I have Believed

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## MESSAGE

### THE ANSWER TO WORKS

GALATIANS 2:1-21

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## CLOSING HYMN #294

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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## THINGS TO PONDER

### Good News For Sinners 1John 1: 8-10

I have in my shed an electric generator. It's only function is to generate electricity. It does not drill holes, fasten lumber, or mow grass. It just generates power. Man, because of his fallen nature, is a sin generator. Everything he does is tainted by his nature. Sin is what he is, what he does, how he thinks, and how he lives. He lives out his days in the lusts of his flesh fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind; and is, by nature, a child of wrath as are all men. (Ephesians 2: 3) The good news of the Gospel is if we confess our sins, He (Christ) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

-pastor Darvin Pruitt

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*The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*

Psalm 24:1

## What Should We Want Men to See?

“Let your moderation be known to all men” – Philippians 4:5

There is no such thing as private faith. If we do have faith in Christ, there is something men will see. And it should be that way. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” What should we want believers and unbelievers alike to see? Paul says, “Let your moderation be known to all men.” The word moderation does not refer to temperance in eating and drinking. It is not being moderate in political views. It is usually translated gentle. Vine's Greek dictionary defines it... “Equitable, fair, moderate, fore-bearing, not insisting on the letter of the law; it expresses that considerateness that looks humanely and reasonably of the facts of a case; gentleness in contrasts to contentiousness. Moderation is closely associated with meekness, humility, and patience. One man called it a sweet reasonableness. When men look at us, may this be what they see...moderation!

Giving from what we have left after all our bills are paid and our entertainment is taken care of is not giving! We give first before anything else if we give aright. It is giving that proves the sincerity of our love (II Cor. 8:7-8). If love to God is manifest by how much men say they love Him or by how much men give, which would be the most accurate barometer? What they say or what they give? We all know the answer to that question.

People do what they want to do. They do what they do freely and un-coerced. People were not forced to crucify Christ. Pilate was said to have, “Delivered Jesus to their will.” While they were acting freely and un-coerced, they were doing neither more nor less than “*Whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel determined before to be done.*” Men do precisely what they want, and God exercises absolute sovereignty over man's will – a paradox; but certainly not a contradiction. They are both true.

-pastor Todd Nibert

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## Christ Is My Message

Some years ago I was questioned by a group of men at a certain church looking for a pastor. They asked me if I preached messages against abortion. I replied, “Christ is my message.” They replied, “We know that.” Again they asked, “Do you preach messages against rock and roll.” I replied, Christ is my message, they replied, “We know that.” I then replied, “We can get women to quit having abortions, we can get our young people (and older) to quit listening to rock and roll and they will still end up in hell. Only Christ can save sinners from their sins, from the guilt of them, from the reigning power of them, from the condemning power of them. “Give me Christ or else I die.”

-pastor John Chapman

### **Church Membership**

Church membership is one of the greatest privileges a man can enjoy upon the earth. If a local church is as it should be, it is a fellowship of believers around the gospel of Christ. It is a family whose hearts are all united around one Object, the Person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a kingdom under the rule of Christ. It is an army, loyal to seeking and maintaining the honor and glory of Christ. It is a brotherhood of love, joy, and peace. What a privilege it is to be a member of such a society! And where there are great privileges, there are great responsibilities.

Church membership involves much more than being baptized and having your name placed on the church register. It involves COMMITMENT: Commitment to one another--Commitment to the gospel of Christ--Commitment to the glory of Christ. Church membership also involves LOVE. The church of Christ is a family, a family of love. Our ties to the family of God ought to be stronger than any natural family ties we may have. The bonds which knit us together are the blood of Christ, the Spirit of Christ, and the love of Christ. Sincere brotherly love is patient, longsuffering, forgiving, and kind. In this family of God love is our covenant, the gospel is our creed, and faith is our strength. And church membership involves SUBMISSION: Submission of my rights--Submission of my opinions--Submission of my desires. I am talking about submission to Christ, submission to the Word of God, submission to my brethren, and submission to the gospel.

*-pastor Don Fortner*

### **I Am the Chief of Sinners**

*"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." - I Timothy 1:15*

When the prodigal came home, he did not hang up his old rags as trophies, as some do when they give their testimonies, bragging about how sinful they used to be. I am sure the old rags of his former shame were burned and forgotten and his attention given to the beautiful robe furnished by his father. I am sorry to say that some insist on making a glory out of their shame and like to talk of their past sinful ways, usually without a blush on their cheeks or a tear in their eyes. As Spurgeon once said, "In some circles he is treated as a hero who can prove that he has been the greatest rascal."

Our former sins are things to be confessed to God in secret, not displayed in public as an old soldier shows his medals. We do not glorify God in this regard, but only serve to feed the lust of the fleshly-minded. "I am the chief of sinners" is sufficient public acknowledgement of our past and present sins for, even then, how little do we know just how true that is!

*- Henry Mahan*

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**Sunday January 12, 2020**

**"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**