

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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## HYMN

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lord willing, we will observe His table after the messages this morning.
  - We plan to have a covered dish dinner following the services. Bring what you like.
  - Cleaning for January – Kevin & Kimberly
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## CLOSING HYMN

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The Lord Jesus called Paul and sent him to preach the gospel of Christ *“to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me”* (Acts 26: 18) For each one sanctified by God our Father in divine election (Jude 1), for each one sanctified by Christ’s one offering on the cross (Heb 10: 14), Christ shall send the gospel, they shall be born-again of the Holy Spirit and of the Word, and sanctified by faith that is in Christ.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

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I trust Christ because God took everything else away from me. He emptied me, stripped me, beat me down, bowed me, broke me, and slew me. How wondrously gracious he is!

- Don Fortner

## BUYER’S REMORSE

I saw where someone wrote a book on the “de-churching” of America. They attempted to explain why fewer people are going to church today. Of all the causes they gave, I believe they missed one big reason: Buyer’s Remorse. Any company that oversells and under delivers will eventually go out of business. The so-called “Church” today is promising what they cannot deliver. They promise health, wealth, and happiness. They present God as a part of mans self-help plan to a better life. Most people’s circumstances don’t really change much when they “get religion”. They soon become disenchanting with the hype and quit.

The Lord, and His faithful undershepherds, never make such empty promises. To the contrary, we tell men up front that coming to Christ will add to their troubles in this world. In addition to all the common trials of life, you will have the daily struggle with an old man you never knew you had before. Added to that, the world will hate you. The promise: Life Eternal, and that He has, is and will deliver.

- Greg Elmquist (Apopka, FL)

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## WHAT IS IT TO CONTINUE IN THE FAITH?

Simply put, it is to keep going, don’t quit. It is to continue to follow, rest, believe on Christ to the end. Colossians 1:23 *‘If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister...’*

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

