

SERMON NOTES

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ROMANS 4:3-7

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, *Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.



WELCOME TO RESCUE BAPTIST CHURCH

“Sinners are welcome at this church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s undeserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never-failing Lord Jesus Christ. We call His name Jesus for He shall, (not might, not maybe) but shall save His people from their sins, and every sinner that trusts in Christ is complete in Him, saved to the uttermost” Hebrews 7:25 (copied)

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Friday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM

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REASONS FOR ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES

Based upon the word of God, human nature, and from personal experience, I conclude that many people who attend church services are merely RELIGIOUS. The Lord said to a group of religious folk, “Well hath Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people draweth nigh unto me with their lips, but their heart is far from me...”

I believe most people are religious for gain, duty, habit, social contacts and a number of other reasons. But true believers attend church services because they are in love with and desire to worship and become better acquainted with a PERSON-THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

The true believer (one who knows, worships, loves, trusts, and follows Jesus Christ) comes to the house of God with a real desire to worship (praise and thank) his God and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a PERSON who draws him to worship services, and that is just what he does - WORSHIP! The religious need to be entertained during the service and impressed by religious surroundings; but believers need only to hear God’s Word preached, pray, and sing His praises. In fact, the simpler the service and the more preaching of Christ, the better the believer likes it; for it is Christ he has come to hear about and worship.

~ Henry Mahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will immediately come to the Lord’s Table following our morning message.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” - Rom 12v1

In the course of history, many have given their lives for religion. Many have given themselves over to holy living. Most of these people are regarded by mankind to have lived an acceptable life (or died an acceptable death). But it was not “unto God”. Therefore, it was not a sacrifice, not holy, and not acceptable.

How can a child of Adam give themselves over fully as a living sacrifice **unto God**? How can a wretch like me be holy **unto God**? How can a maggot be acceptable **unto God**? Only by the mercies of God, found in Christ Jesus our Lord!

When we are made to see Christ is our living sacrifice, Christ is our holiness, Christ is our acceptance before God – and that “It is finished!” - how reasonable it is for us to turn ourselves over completely to His loving mercies, and to our brethren! ~Kevin Thacker

“To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.” – Isaiah 42:7

In the beginning of Isaiah 42, our Lord is speaking of his servant, the Lord Jesus Christ. In vs 6 he begins to speak to our Lord and Savior directly. And the promises of God made to him are the blessings shared by his bride. She is known by her faith in Christ, revealed by his manifest glory in her.

We that believe our Lord have an increasing understanding of what sinners we are. We now know the spiritual blindness we suffered and were shut up in the prison of nature’s darkness. Man’s religion perpetuated the false hope that our works or will wrought deliverance through our righteousnesses. We held this confused belief until Christ appeared and revealed the righteousness of God is he alone.

God reveals Christ, his righteous servant to his people. We behold him when he opens our blind eyes. He opens the prison gate and calls us out in the time of his love. We are prisoners set free from our bondage to sin and death. And are now alive in Christ and adopted into the family of God as sons and daughters sharing in the inheritance of Christ. Rejoice brethren! ~Eric Lutter