

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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I think that very often unbelievers sit under the preaching of the Gospel, waiting and hoping for some kind of experience or feeling of peace and joy before believing the testimony of God concerning His son (I John 5:9-13; John 3:21-36; 8:24). If you are doing this, then you have, to use an old proverb, “Put the cart before the horse,” and are actually looking to yourself rather than to Christ for your soul’s salvation! Believing is the key which opens the door (Christ) through which sinners enter in “Rejoicing”! Thus, the great apostle to the Gentiles writes that we obtain “joy and peace through believing.” ~Maurice Montgomery

“Regeneration makes no alteration on the flesh, but the Spirit. There is nothing in the flesh made holy. And there is nothing in the spirit left unholy.” ~ Robert Hawker

“God is as He has been and shall always be as He is. He cannot be better than He is; He cannot be wiser, or more powerful than he is. If God change one iota, He could not be God to begin with.” ~Pastor Donnie Bell

The Who of History

Isaiah 23:1-18

The prophet asked, “*Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre?*” the wonders of God’s adorable providence in the out-working of his grace, to show man’s nothingness, God’s supremacy, and God’s determination to stain and tells us plainly that it is our God who did so, the Triune Jehovah. Here is the who and why of all things. I do not think there is a passage in the whole of Isaiah’s prophecy that is more instructive and more comprehensive in explaining the pride of man than this 23rd chapter.

Yes, there is a “*who*” to history. And that “*who*” is our God. He is who undertook this counsel against Tyre and executed it. He who undertook this counsel against the merchants, and princes, and traffickers, and honorable of the world and executes it is God our Savior.

His Story

God writes history. History is his-story. God reconstructs geography. He is not merely the Geologist of the globe, but its Geographer. The God who built up the rocks manages all the surface work. God readjusts the map of the world. He alters names, boundaries, and capacities. The four seasons are his servants. He tells them what to do. Precisely at the time of this prophecy Chittim (Cyprus) revolted against Tyre and the Phoenician colonies began to be restless and joined Sennacherib when he attacked the mother city. Who did it? God shook the kingdoms: Egypt, Ethiopia, Babylon, Syria, Israel, and Judah quaked down to their foundations, while Tiglath-Pileser built and enlarged the Assyrian Empire. Yet, in due time his neck was wrung, and he was thrown away.

One King

There are many kings, but they all have a King over them — eternal, immortal, invisible, the only Potentate. All others are painted figures. Christ our God, the King of Glory, reigns everywhere, always, over all things, absolutely! All gates fly back at his coming. All doors lift themselves up to welcome him and acknowledge his right to come. There cannot be two Almighties! There can be only one Supreme! And that one Almighty, that one King, that one Supreme, that one God is Jehovah our Savior.

Things are not ordered by the whims and moods of petty dictators, toy-kings, and politicians. They come and go. They die of disease, like dogs. They are but a puff of smoke, a vapor, just like you, just like me. — Withering grass! — Nothing more! — “*The Lord reigneth!*”

God’s Purpose

Why does God do things the way he does them? What is his purpose in everything he does? — “*The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.*” — “*That no flesh should glory in his presence!*” God is determined to stain all pride, to smear the glory of man in the muck and mire of his own excrement — In Providence (Romans 8:28) — In Redemption (1 Corinthians 1:26-31) — In Grace (Ephesians 1:3-14) — In Judgment (John 5:25-29).

~Don Fortner

The Difference Between the Dove and the Raven

“Why did the dove return to the ark and the raven never return? Because the raven could live off the dead, decaying animals drowned in the flood. But the dove could not. It had to return to the ark for its food. The raven represents the religious man who does not know Christ. He is satisfied with the dead, rotting works of the flesh. But the true believer must return to Christ his ark for food. The mark of a true believer is that he is continually coming to Christ for the same thing! Mercy and grace! He cannot be satisfied with anything less.”

~Pastor Todd Nibert

The Lord's Table (1Corinthians 11:23-29)

“The Lord's Table is a time of worship for believers. It is an ordinance instituted by our Lord on the night He was betrayed, as a memorial of His death. This ordinance is to be observed until He comes again.

The supper is a time of fellowship and communion with others of like faith wherein those who have trusted Christ gather as one to celebrate that which has made them one family born of one blood.

This feast is not a place of discipline where the church collectively forbids someone to partake. Since this is an ordinance of Christ, and therefore a command of our Lord, if the church were to forbid someone to partake of the elements, then the church would be forcing that person to disobey the command of our Lord.

Each believer is to examine himself on the basis of whether he discerns, (has a vital understanding of, and a saving interest in) the body and blood of Christ, represented in the elements of unleavened bread and wine. One is not to approach the table examining himself on the basis of whether or not there is sin in his life so that he can discern his worthiness or lack thereof to partake.... that is a foolish notion. Discerning the body and blood of Christ is, at its very heart, a knowledge of personal unworthiness. Taking the Lord's Table is a confession of sin, not a confession of presumed righteousness.”

~Pastor Tim James

“The Christian knows no change with regard to God. He may be rich today and poor tomorrow; he may be sickly today and well tomorrow; he may be in happiness today and tomorrow be in distress; but THERE IS NO CHANGE WITH REGARD TO HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. If He loved me yesterday, He loves me today. I am neither better nor worse in God than I ever was. Let prospects be blighted, let hopes be blasted, let joy be withered, let mildews destroy everything; I HAVE LOST NOTHING OF WHAT I HAVE IN GOD!” ~C. H. Spurgeon

ANNOUNCEMENT

- We will come to *The Lord's Table* (DV) after a short message following our afternoon meal.

Matthew 11:28

“Come unto Me, all you who are weary and heavy laden—and I will give you rest.”

THE TRIALS OF A BELIEVER!

“It is GOOD for me that I have been AFFLICTED, that I MIGHT LEARN thy ways”
(Psalm 119:71).

God's ways and God's Word are best learned by experience and in time of trouble. When our Lord is pleased to lay His hand heavily upon us, we do not soon forget the lessons learned. When the Lord singles out a believer or a church for special affliction and adversity, it is not for punishment, nor lack of love for them; it is for eternal blessings and because He does love them. **"Whom the Lord loveth"** He chastens, corrects, and teaches!

When Job sat before his friends, who was afflicted? THE ONE GOD LOVED! When Paul stood before King Agrippa, who wore the chains? THE ONE GOD LOVED! Humanly speaking, which path of life would you prefer to live on earth, that of Esau or Jacob? Esau had the life of prosperity and ease; Jacob was full of trouble and conflict, BUT GOD LOVED JACOB! Thank God, He has loved us in Christ and is pleased to teach us His ways by dealing with us in such a way that we are weaned from the world and find our life, comfort, and hope only in Him.

A person who measures his blessings and relationship with God by his prosperity, health, happiness, and worldly comforts makes a fatal mistake. **"If ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons"** (Hebrews 12:8). Paul said, **"Most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me"** (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

He who sends the trial for His glory and my good will supply sufficient grace. Those who know the Redeemer also know that when we are weak, we are strong; when we are poor, we are rich; when we are empty, we are full; when we die, we live!
~ Henry T. Mahan

“There are really only two religions in the world. One of Cain and the other of Abel. One of Ishmael and the other of Isaac. One of Esau and the other of Jacob. One of law and the other of promise. One of Mount Sinai and the other of Mount Calvary. One condemns, the other finds no fault. One leads to bondage, the other to freedom. One tendeth to death, the other to life. One of weakness, the other of power. One of merit, the other of mercy. One of the weakness of the letter, the other of the power of the Spirit.” ~ COPIED

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you ...” (Ezekiel 36:26).

“The natural heart of man is concerned only with natural, temporal things. The desires of the flesh and mind are by natural origin self-centered. Man is a habitual self-serving creature. He may be at times, (especially when in the presence of the gospel), consciously aware of this but finds it impossible to change because this is his love - “ ... men shall be lovers of their own selves ... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God” 2Timothy 3:2 & 4. He may reform outwardly for a while and try to adjust his priorities and even strive to think differently, but alas, he is like the dog and its vomit and the sow and its muck. He has not a heart for Christ, His gospel, or His church. This is not his love. This is not his desire. He has only a desire for the vomit and the muck (2Peter 2:22). The only way one will ever have a heart for the things of God will be if God gives him a new heart and a new Spirit. God’s promise to His people is, “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you ...”. The new heart which God gives has preeminence over the old one. Oh yes, the old heart is still there to aggravate and even temporarily distract us. However, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world” 1John 4:4). The new heart is one of faith, love and commitment. The new heart embraces Christ, His gospel and His church. This comes as natural to the new heart as embracing self and the things of the world comes to the old heart. If we have not a new heart and Spirit when temptation comes, when cares come, when it is time for self-denial, we will take the low road to fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind and it will be revealed we are yet the servants of self rather than the servants of God. We will be, in our heart, true to what we treasure most - “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21).”

~Pastor Tommy Robbins

THE GROUNDS OF SALVATION IS MERCY

“In the year that king Ahaz died, the LORD sent Isaiah forth with the message of the destruction of all his enemies. We find it in Isaiah 13 and 14. But in Isaiah 14: 1 the LORD declares why he brings this judgment upon his enemies, ‘For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.’

The nation of Israel was typical and representative of the church and kingdom of God. We who believe are the sons of Jacob, the Israel of God, the people of God’s covenant (Rom. 3:28, 29; Gal. 3:7 - 9; 6:15, 16; Philip. 3:3.) Believers became God’s children, not by our believing, but by the grace of God (Rom. 8:29 - 31; 9:7 -16; Gal. 4:6.) Having chosen us in Christ in eternal election, as the objects of his mercy, God will never turn from us to do us good. ‘He will yet choose Israel.’ (Jer. 31:3; Isaiah 49:16 - 19.)

Therefore, in the midst of pronouncing this awful judgment upon the world, the LORD of covenant mercy tells us that the reason God’s judgment shall come to pass is because the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel (v1.)

From start to finish, the salvation of every believer is due only to the mercy and grace of our sovereign God.”

~Pastor Clay Curtis

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

--John 3:14 - 16--

“Ask a question to any professing Christian what is the gospel and almost all will quote **John 3:16**. It seems pre-programmed as a response because this verse is one of the most well known verses of the Bible. But really the Gospel of God’s free and sovereign grace is found in the two verses before that - in **verses 14 and 15**. **As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness** shows us the Lord Jesus Christ dying as the sinner’s substitute (**Isaiah 53**), satisfying the justice and the wrath of a Holy and righteous God who must punish sin! (**Ezekiel 18:4**). All who look to the Lord Jesus Christ as their substitute will be saved and will not perish but have eternal life. They **rest** and **repose** in the Lord Jesus Christ and He is now their all in all. (**Colossians 3:11**). **Verse 16** shows us the **reason**, because God loved His people with an everlasting love and sent His Son to be their substitute, bearing their sins on the cross and suffering the just for the unjust! (**1st Peter 3:18, Romans 3:26**). And then we see the **result**, in that there will be a people who will look to Jesus Christ our Lord, and again they will not perish but have everlasting life. (**John 3:36**).

~Pastor Wayne Boyd

WHAT IS YOUR GROUND OF ASSURANCE?

“To those who struggle with assurance, saying, ‘There are so many times that I do not feel saved’, I would remind you that, before you came to Christ, there were many times you did not feel lost! Did your lack of ‘lost feeling’ at that time mean that you weren’t lost? Of course not! For feelings have nothing to do with whether or not we are lost. Do you not see that it is the same with respect to whether or not we are saved? Martin Luther said it well when he wrote:

‘For Feelings come and feelings go,

And feelings are deceiving; My warrant is the Word of God; Naught else is worth believing.’

There it is! God’s Word! There is our foundation. The Scriptures never instruct us to feel, but to believe. If you do not feel, believe anyway! It does not say, ‘For by grace are you saved through FEELINGS.’ Feelings are a look inward, at ourselves. Faith is a look outward at Christ. Feelings change because they look at a changing object – ourselves. Faith never changes, for it looks at an unchanging object – Christ! May God grant you grace to look to Him.”

~ Pastor Joe Terrell

“Speak to me now in Scripture language alone” said a dying Christian. “I can trust the words of God; but when they are the words of man, it costs me an effort to think whether I may trust them.” ~ copied

“UNBELIEF...is a sin that is its own punishment. Those who do not trust God are continually vexing themselves” ~Matthew Henry