

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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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 were not 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

Come and See

There is a famine in our land today. Not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD (Amos 8:11). Blessed be God though, He has a remnant even today whom He is pleased to gather under the preaching of the gospel. The gospel (good news) is that the Lord Jesus Christ lived the perfect life in His flesh, adorning the law of God through His perfect obedience and laying down His life as the sinner's substitute, for "For he [God] hath made him [the Lord Jesus] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Cor 5:21

Self-righteous religion produces the shame of Sodom and the glory of Gomorrah. Do we not see this across our land today? The false gospel is that God loves you and wants to save you. The god of this world's religion is offering salvation to everyone but he is unable to save anyone without their consent. They say he has made salvation possible, but you have to live according to their rules to make it effectual. The Sovereign God of the universe does not WANT to do anything that He does not DO, therefore the Lord Jesus said "All that the Father giveth me SHALL come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37 (emphasis mine).

If you want to know the difference between the gospel of the Lord Jesus and the man-centered, works-based religion which is preached in churches across the world today check out this list of faithful gospel preachers. If one of these churches is near you or you are able to visit one while traveling, I would encourage you to "come and see" John 1:45-46. -copied

Assurance is not knowing the time and place where you were saved. It is knowing the ONE who is your SAVIOR! Assurance, like all other graces, is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Assurance is the confidence of faith resting entirely upon the merits of Christ, the sinner’s all-sufficient and perfect Sacrifice. -Don Fortner

The promise of the Lord to Joshua is the same promise He gives to every vessel of His mercy. And His word to them is the very foundation of their rest... *“As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”* -Pastor Marvin Stalnaker

NO KING, NO RULE, NO RIGHT, NO WRONG

“In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” Judges 21:25

This scripture clearly describes the day in which we live. These days there is no absolute Sovereign God being preached; no Creator, no Owner, no Judge; no Law, no Lord on the throne; no fear of God; so, there is no right nor wrong, no sin, no punishment for sin; everyone is free to do anything they like. Blame it on the pulpit. Blame our sick society on the many false preachers who have told everyone for so long now how much God loves them all, no matter who they are or what they are doing; no matter that they live like hell and hate God in Heaven . . . he loves you anyway (they say). So, men and women believe these liars and live as they please, with no fear of God, and no fear of any consequences for sin. O the dreadful realization, the great and terrible surprise people shall have when they face the true and living God; the God of the Bible; the Holy and Righteous Lord and King of the universe Who hates sin.

May the same Lord unite our hearts to fear His Name and call upon Him to have mercy upon us all. And may we NOT fear to condemn the world, warn our fellows, and urge them to call upon the Lord for mercy.

-Pastor Paul Mahan

As Good as It Gets

During courtship a man will open the door for his beloved, massage her feet, bring her gifts, work all day thinking about her, take her out to dinner every night, and serve her in every way. The sad reality is that this is as good as it will ever get. Shortly after being wed some of these things become less frequent or even cease altogether. This is not so with our Lord. He worked, lived, and died to honor His Father, and redeem His elected bride. He was completely devoted to the salvation of His beloved and left nothing for her to **“do”**. **“It is Finished”**. He offered Himself up to his Father and is the greatest gift His chosen Wife will ever receive. We see He loves her with an everlasting love Jer. 31:3. He even says; **“thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes” Song. 4:9.**

Among these glorious truths, may the Lord be pleased to cause us to enter in and to see the overwhelming splendor of another precious thought. As we look on our doorstep and find grace for today, mercy for each moment, and peace that only comes by our Husband, the Lord Jesus Christ, let us rejoice in knowing this is as bad as it will ever get. One day very soon, His elected bride will awake in His likeness, and realize we have always been united in perfect union with him. ~Caleb Hickman

ANNOUNCEMENT

- We will come to *The Lord's Table* (DV) after a short message following our afternoon meal.
- Our workday is scheduled for June 17th @ 9:30am

AND THE REST WERE BLINDED

(Romans 11:7)

Dear reader, may God be pleased to give you sight!

“Here in Romans, the writer is declaring Sovereign Grace in Election. (Romans 11:5). There is no confusion here. The words are as clear as a bell ring. You are either blind or not! The Truths of God's Words are as simple and clear as the miracles Christ preformed while walking this earth. In the end, there was no question as to who had given the blind man sight in *John chapter 9*. Yet those religious Jews still did not believe, because they were not God's sheep (*John 10:26*). In truth, they were the ones still blinded. We come into this world blinded by our own pride and self-righteousness. Blinded by our own works, our nature is to make ourselves out to be more than we are. Dear reader! My words are inadequate in describing how thankful I am in the knowledge that *‘Once I was blind, but now I see.’* I see that God supplied a substitute in His Son, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, for my sins. I see that CHRIST has fulfilled all that I need to be reconciled to GOD. I see that, for CHRIST SAKE, I was not left with the rest who were blinded. Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound!” ~John Reeves

THE GOSPEL I PREACH

The gospel I preach is the “gospel of God” (Romans 1: 1). I fear Him and the glory of His name more than I do those to whom I speak. I had rather ruffle YOUR feathers than dishonor His character. I persuade men with a view to His name and glory, knowing He alone can convince, convict, and regenerate dead sinners. I want men and women to believe but I want more the integrity of His name to be maintained. In II Corinthians 5: 18-20, it says God has given to us the ministry of reconciliation and that we are therefore ...**“ambassadors for Christ as though GOD did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”** It is not my purpose to intentionally offend anyone but if someone must be offended, I had rather it be those who hear me than the God who sent me. – Pastor Darvin Pruitt

The Throne of Grace (Hebrews 4:16)

WHAT IS THE THRONE OF GRACE? It is a place where God Almighty sits as the Sovereign Monarch over this whole universe, bestowing His Sovereign Grace on His chosen, blood-bought children as it pleases Him.

WHERE IS THE THRONE OF GRACE? In Heaven's Glory, where the risen Christ of God sits at the right hand of the Majesty on High as the Glorified Godman. The Blessed Redeemer of His chosen people enable God to be just, and the Justifier of those who believe in Jesus Christ and His Gospel. The perfect redeeming work of Jesus Christ is the very reason God bestows His grace on those sinners for whom Christ laid down His life. Grace reigns because Jesus Christ reigns. *The throne of grace* is also the new heart of every believer, which is *Christ in us, the hope of glory*. Because Jesus Christ reigns, His grace reigns in all of His enlightened children.

WHY IS IT CALLED THE THRONE OF GRACE? To draw our attention to God's unmerited favor He is pleased to bestow on His chosen people through the merits of Christ alone. The salvation of God's elect was purposed by God before this world was created for the glory of Jesus Christ, and the glory of His grace.

WHO ARE ALLOWED TO APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE? Not self-righteous works religionists. Not those who are trusting in their free will, in their decision for Jesus. Their foolish, sinful, religious beliefs absolutely destroys the meaning of the word "**GRACE**". Only those who believe that Jesus Christ by Himself purged the sins of His chosen people; only those who believe that Jesus Christ, by the sacrifice of Himself, obtained eternal redemption for them; only those who believe that Jesus Christ is the risen, exalted, glorified God-man who is seated on His Sovereign Throne in heaven **AS LORD OF ALL** can approach *The Throne of Grace*. The "**US**" who are bidden to *come boldly unto the throne of grace* are those very people who believe God!

WHY DO GOD'S CHILDREN COME TO THE THRONE OF GRACE? To give our Majestic Triune God **ALL THE GLORY** for His unspeakable gift. And to *obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need*. Is there ever a moment in the life of a believer, can we take any step on our pilgrimage journey through this life, when we don't need God's mercy and grace? **OH!** how thankful we should be that God has provided a *Throne of Grace* we can come to.

~Gene Harmon

Our Steps Are Ordered Of The Lord

What will happen in the days to come? Everything the Lord has wisely decreed in His eternal purpose for us to experience (Rom. 11:36; Eph. 1:11). The Lord gave David these words in Psalm 37:23; **"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."** Our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples in their day; **"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"** (John 16:33). The apostle Paul declares that every believer has won the victory of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ forever; **"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"** (1 Cor. 15:57). We can be assured by the word of our blessed God and Saviour; that every promise of God will be fulfilled (Joshua 23:14; 2 Peter 1:3-4); that our gracious Lord will provide for our every need (Phil. 4:19); that He will never leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5-6). As the old writers used to express it; **"The Lord will give us all grace now and glory forever. We don't know what the future holds but we know who holds the future."** (Psalm 31:15). ~Pastor Tom Harding

"For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?" -2 Cor. 2:15-16

Every time I am about to preach, I pray the Lord would give me the ability to speak to every soul there as if no one has ever heard of the Lord Jesus Christ- that every person is lost and must come to Christ for life! AND I pray that He enables me to tell of our Great God's faithfulness and promises to His people, with all comfort and assurance- as though every person there has come to Him and was surely His child!

Then I ask- **"Who is sufficient for these things?"**

If we preach only Christ and Him crucified, the Word of God, His person and His work- **HE** will accomplish both! Not me.

-Pastor Kevin Thacker