

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 unto the uttermost” Hebrews 7:25 (copied)

SCHEDULE 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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Nothing is more painful to a devoted father than the sense that he is not held in honor and esteem by his family. Let us ever ascribe the greatness of our God and hold our Father in the highest honor and esteem as our God.

~Don Fortner

Satan’s Advantage

“To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgive I it in the person of Christ; lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.” (II Cor. 2:11) If I harbor an unforgiving spirit, Satan has the advantage over me. An unforgiving spirit skews every other part of my life. I hurt myself in so many ways, and I am under Satan’s influence. By grace, the only way to fight this is to forgive! And the only way to forgive is to see how Christ has forgiven you! ~Pastor Todd Nibert

The trying of the faith of God’s saints is good for it proves God’s love for them and therefore their sonship (Heb. 12:8). But coupled with the trials suffered by the Lord’s people is the realization that the sufferings shall not be forever. Soon their sufferings and sojourning in this life shall give way to the glory of the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world (Matt. 25:34). “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Cor. 4:17). ~Marvin Stalnaker



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- Thank you to all for your willingness to help with our WORKDAY.
 - We will immediately come to the Lord’s Table following the morning’s message.
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Hearers and Doers of the Word – James 1:22-25

“*Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only*” (v.22) -- We are to be eager to hear the word of God. 1. We are to hear it thoughtfully and quietly, slow to become authorities and teachers. 2. We are to hear it humbly, as it is the word of our Lord (Rom. 9:20). 3. But we are not to be hearers only. The word of God is to be believed, loved and obeyed! We are to put into practice its commandments, ordinances and principles (John 25:14). Those who rest upon outward hearing of the word only will be greatly disappointed in that day (Matt. 7: 26, 27).

“... *Like a man beholding himself in a glass*” (v.23-24). The word of God not only reveals the holy God to men; it also discovers sinful man to himself. The man who hears only is like a man who looks into a mirror and sees dirt, blemishes, hair in disarray but, rather than seeking cleansing and renewal, he goes his way, forgetting his condition and need. He finds it convenient to forget what he saw – both his guilt and the grace of Christ.

“... *The perfect law of liberty*” (v.25). The man who ‘looks into’ the word (not beholds and goes his way, but gazes with care, concern and interest into this gospel – called the *perfect law of liberty* – with full intent to receive, believe and obey it); shall be blessed in his life of faith and obedience. It is called ‘*the perfect law of liberty*’ because it has *liberty* as its subject.

1. Christ frees us from the curse, condemnation and bondage of the law.
2. He frees us from the power and dominion of sin.
3. He gives us freedom to approach the throne of grace.

4. He leads us into the liberty of his grace! ‘*He continues therein.*’ Looking to Christ, looking into his word for faith, growth and leadership, and looking to his spirit for grace, strength and instruction is a lifelong occupation and privilege (Heb. 12:1, 2). ~ from Henry Mahan’s commentary

Those who believe in the satanic lie of man’s free will are boasting of their so-called right to choose God, or reject Him. Whether they want to admit it or not, they’re calling Jesus Christ a liar, for He said, “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, ...” (John 15:16). ~Gene Harmon