

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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“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.”
--Hebrews 10:22—

“Assurance of salvation and a saving interest in our Lord Jesus is **NOT A FEELING** cultivated by thinking good thoughts and doing good deeds. Paul calls it ‘**full assurance of faith.**’ It has to do with faith, with **BELIEVING GOD!** Assurance is born of **CONFIDENCE IN THE FATHER** as our covenant God; ‘**Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.**’ Assurance is born of **CONFIDENCE IN THE SON** as our God and Saviour; ‘**By His stripes we are healed.**’ Assurance is born of **CONFIDENCE IN HIS PROMISES;** ‘**Abraham was fully persuaded that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.**’ So your assurance of redemption is not enhanced by the **MORE YOU WORK**, but by the **MORE YOU TRUST AND REST IN HIM.** ‘Let us labor therefore to enter into **THAT REST**’ (Hebrews 4:11).” ~Henry Mahan

“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for Thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood **OUT OF** every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:9 - 10).

ANNOUNCEMENT

- *Friday Night Bible Study will resume this coming Friday July 14th.
- *Lord willing, we will come to the Lord’s Table next Sunday the 16th immediately following the morning message.

A Fallen Saint
“Peter went out and wept bitterly.”
Luke 22:62

Peter had sat in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. He had walked on the water to go to Him. He had lived in the full assurance that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. “We believe and are sure,” he said, “That thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God,” the words of blood redemption had gone to Peter’s heart from the very lips of Jesus Christ Himself (Jn.6:68). Peter had seen the power of the Lord when he spoke to the raging waves of the sea and stilled them – the Lord Jesus saved Peter’s life that day, and Peter knew it too.

Now this same Peter has denied the Lord he loved and believed – even cursed and swore he never knew him. Look at him now as he goes off in the darkness sobbing as he goes. Imagine the guilt and fear that weighed upon his afflicted conscience? Imagine the suggestions from Satan, the prince of darkness, saying to him, “There is no hope for you now.” Only those who have experienced such a thing know how Satan can work with a guilty conscience to drive it to despair.

I am sure Peter thought, as many have since, “There is no way out of this dilemma I find myself in.” A poor soul like this can despair of ever being recovered. He sank in deep mire where there was no standing. I will tell you this, if Jesus Christ does not make intercession for such a person and strengthen his faith, and send some light into his darkness, Satan will sift him. Those who dream they are a match for Satan’s accusations are ignorant of his devices.

Does our Lord Jesus know all this? Of course, he knows. His intercession had already secured Peter, not from falling but from falling away. Not from bitter weeping but from final despair. Peter had a sad and fearful fall, but he had a fearless and faithful Advocate with the Father. Peter fell, but just about the time the enemy began to rejoice over him, he rose up again – forgiven and restored.

Dear fallen saint do not despair. Maybe you see no way in your present darkness to be restored, but Jesus Christ can see for you, He is the way. Look out of your wet eyes to him. Your heart is aching, but the Lord Jesus feels it. Trust him. Wait upon Him. Your weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning.

-Pastor Bruce Crabtree