

SERMON NOTES

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MALACHI 3:1-2

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:



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 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:”
- Colossians 2:10

There is nothing about me that feels complete. I always feel there is something lacking in my faith, love, repentance, sincerity or anything else. But God’s Word tells me I am complete in Him. Not I will be complete or I am in the process of being made complete, but I am, right now, complete, lacking nothing, completely filled. However complete the Christ is, that is how complete I am; **“As He is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17)**. We have this on the authority of God’s Word. We may not feel complete, but we are complete. ~Todd Nibert

BLOOD BEFORE THE LORD

“Note in scripture how many times the blood is said to be **‘before the Lord.’** Whether any man saw it or not was of small account, for it was offered for sin **‘before the Lord.’** When the Passover Lamb was slain in Egypt, where was the blood placed? It was on the **OUTSIDE** of the door **‘before the Lord.’** He said, **‘When I see the blood, I will pass over you.’** The suffering and death of Christ on behalf of His people was **‘BEFORE the Lord.’** **UNTO** the Lord, to declare the Lord’s righteousness, to satisfy the Lord’s justice, to fulfill the Lord’s purpose, to glorify the Lord’s character, to enable the Lord to be both just and justifier! The atonement does not change the **NATURE** and character of God, but rather the atonement **HONORS** and **MAGNIFIES** the character of God. The death of Christ is **NOT** the cause of God’s love, but the result of it. God is not merciful because Christ died; Christ died because God is merciful. In order that every attribute might be expressed, glorified, and honored, God gave His Son to be the Savior of the chosen people! Thank God we have an atonement **‘before the Lord.’**”

~Pastor Henry Mahan

God our Father has made all of His elect **‘ACCEPTED’** in His Beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Eternal Son of God came into this world to pay the ransom price in full for all the sins of a **‘PARTICULAR PEOPLE’**, those who were chosen in Him before this world was created. It was the **SOVEREIGN GRACE** of God that chose **HIS PEOPLE**, the **SOVEREIGN GRACE** of God that purchased **HIS PEOPLE**, and the **SOVEREIGN GRACE** of God that gave **HIS PEOPLE** eternal life. Brethren, if we have Jesus Christ, **WE HAVE IT ALL!** Religion without **SOVEREIGN GRACE** is religion without Jesus Christ. Religion without Jesus Christ is religion without a new heart. Religion without a new heart **IS JUST SELF-RIGHTEOUS, WASTED, SINFUL MOTION.** ~Gene Harmon