

SERMON NOTES

RESCUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY AUGUST 13, 2023

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.



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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We hold that a man is never so near grace as when he feels that he can do nothing at all but cry for mercy. But, when he says, “**I can pray, I can believe, I can do this or that,**” the marks of self-sufficiency are still on his brow.

~Henry Mahan

SALVATION

Salvation is not believing doctrines or facts about God; salvation is believing on the one whom God sent, the Lord Jesus Christ. “Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”—JOHN 6:29

~Joseph Murphy

If we knew how needy we are, we would not neglect to pray. If we knew how vile we are, we would not fail to thank Him for His mercy. If we knew how glorious He is, we would not cease to praise Him. If we knew how soon we will be with Him, we would not be discouraged.

~Chris Cunningham

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Next Sunday August 20th Lord willing, we will come to the Lord Table immediately following the morning message.

What is hope? Hope is expectation with a reasonable basis. What the world calls hope is an empty wish. It's like a child holding a present on their birthday hoping to find what they want. But, hope in the scriptures is defined as a person: Christ in you the hope of glory. This hope comes through a Godly persuasion... “**know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.**” (II Tim. 1:2) Also, “**For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**” (Rom. 8: 38-39) The believer’s hope is not I hope, I hope, I hope. But it is hope founded upon the Lord Jesus Christ. Our expectations fully depend on His appointments, His coming as the God man, His obedience, His suffering, His death, His resurrection, and His present reign in glory. “**He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life**” (I John 5: 12). Paul said “**he was an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior, and the Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope.**” (I Tim. 1: 1) May the Lord be pleased to make Him our hope for the glory of His own name.

~Darvin Pruitt

THE WORK OF GOD

(John 6:28-29) “Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”

Here we find people who are running every where doing things that are not producing in them eternal life. All that we do by nature in religion is for the satisfying of our flesh, just as these followed Christ for the healings He performed and for the food they ate. Our Lord Jesus Christ tells these that they need to run after something better. Do not spend all your energy running after temporal things. They will not last. These wanted to work this work of God and have this food that lasts forever, and they asked what that work might be.

When men begin to have an idea of what sin is and the perfection required of them by God, the natural question is, “*What must we do to be saved?*” Or as these said, “*What must we do that we may work the work of God?*” It is a question that is formed by the ignorance of our standing before God. Our idea is that there are works to be done, works that can be done, and merit to be earned by doing and obeying certain things set before us by this religious world.

The Lord did not correct them for their question; this was not the time to do that. He told them the only work they could do, and the only work with which God would be pleased is “*Believing on Him whom He hath sent.*” If you want to work, you must do this work, and this is of the operation of God, which he himself works in men; it is not of themselves, it is the pure gift of God.

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