

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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While the unbeliever calls into question what God does, the believer submits to what God does. The unbeliever charges God with injustice; how can it be fair for God to elect some and not all? The believer responds to what God does with Abraham’s words, “**Shall not the Judge of the earth do right?**” The unbeliever does not know God, he does not know His character and consequently is quick to judge and criticize God. The believer knows God! The believer knows the character of God. He knows whatever God does is right because he knows God. The believer cannot give you the reason God has done certain things. But because he knows God, he knows whatever God does is right. God does not do something because it is right – it is right because He does it. The unbeliever does not know God. The believer does know the Living God.

“And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” - John 17:3 ~Todd Nibert

Neither salvation nor sanctification is in any way a cooperative effort. When Peter was sinking beneath the waves, he did not say, “**Lord, nothing is going to happen today that you and I together cannot handle.**” He said, “**Lord, save me.**” ~Chris Cunningham

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Our FELLOWSHIP DINNER is canceled for Next Sunday.
- Kathy and I will be travelling to Colorado immediately following Sunday services 9-3-2023.

“It shall be perfect to be accepted” – Lev. 22:21

The Lord God is perfect. And he will never accept anything, or any person, that is not perfect. The only obedience that God will accept is perfect obedience. The only sacrifice that God will accept is a perfect sacrifice. The only man that God will accept is a perfect man. Are we then without hope? No! The Lord has provided for us a perfect obedience and a perfect sacrifice in the perfect God-Man Jesus Christ.

~Don Fortner

THE END IS GREATER THAN THE MEANS

The ultimate end or goal of redemption is not the happiness, well-being, or even conversion of sinners, **BUT THE GLORY OF GOD** (*Eph. 1:6, 12, 14*). Man’s comfort and safety is not the supreme goal of God’s glorious Gospel. The supreme goal of our Gospel is the glory of God, the establishment of His rule and reign over a Kingdom of peace and righteousness, the exaltation and manifestation of His character, and the preeminence of His beloved Son. Our salvation will serve that purpose (*Phil 2:6-11*). Everything in covenant mercies, in salvation, and in God’s purpose for the sons of men (past, present, and future) turns upon the will of God in Christ. This makes **CHRIST THE PRINCIPAL FIGURE** in our Gospel, our goals, and our glory. But, if you have salvation and God’s purpose waiting upon the freewill of the creature, then **MAN** is the principal figure in your landscape and will lead you to compromise divine Truth in order to win man’s approval. The attitude that we must get men converted at any cost and compromise usually winds up costing the very character and Truth of God, which is a price too high to pay. Conversions are never more important than Truth. Truth is always more important than results. **“Let God be true and every man a liar!” Henry Mahan**

The believer has the new nature that never sins and the old nature that always sins. This does not provide him with an excuse for sin nor a reason to not battle his sin. But it does explain why he is so sinful. Amazingly and mysteriously, it is the new man that owns and confesses the sins of the old man!

On that day that I stand before God in judgment, due to my union with Jesus Christ, I will not stand, “Just as if I had never sinned.” I will stand as one, **“Who has never sinned.”** That is what true justification does for this sinner.

~ David Eddmenson