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MALACHI 4:1-2

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.



## 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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Religion is to know biblical facts; life is to know God (I John 5:20). Religion is to know what I believe; life is to know Whom I believe (II Timothy 1:12). Religion is to be baptized into the church; life is to be baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3). Religion is to be reformed; life is to be regenerated (John 3:3). Religion is to be a new convert; life is to be a new creature in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17). A man was asked, “**And what is your religious persuasion?**” He replied, “**I am persuaded that nothing can separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord**” (Romans 8:38-39). ~Henry Mahan

### GOD SAVE THE KING!

This phrase is from a song written in the mid 1700’s of the same title. With the crowning of a new king in the UK, it is on all forms of media this week. What a wonderful thing it would be if a new heart, born of God in His child, sang its request for the leader of the nation to be saved! Oh, that the Lord would give us hearts like Christ, that are compassionate, and “**would that all men be saved**”. Let’s pray for our President, our Governor, our leaders – that Christ would be revealed in them and magnified in their hearts! That would make for a loving and peaceful country! ~Kevin Thacker

### ANNOUNCEMENT

- Lord willing, we will come to the Lord’s Table immediately following this morning’s message.
- Frank Tate will be here next Sunday 9/24 preaching in my stead, pray for travel mercies and the message the Lord has laid upon his heart to preach for you.
- Kathy and I will be traveling to Kingsport TN for Gabe Stalnaker’s Conference 9/18 – 9/29.
- No **Friday Night Bible Service** on 9/22 and 9/29.

### BY WHOSE LIGHT DO YOU WALK? – Isaiah 50:10-11

At the end of Isaiah 50 the Lord addresses two distinct groups of people. The children of God are described in vs 10 as a people “**that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light**”. When a verb ends in “**eth**” it means there is a continuous action. The children not only fear, but they continue to fear their God. They continue to obey and walk.

The fear of God is one of reverence and awe. They highly esteem the Lord in their lives. They obey Christ, for he is the servant of God spoken of in this verse. They hear his voice and believe on Christ. Their obedience is believing the testimony of God concerning his salvation by Jesus Christ. The continue in the hope of Christ.

We also find they are described as a people “**that walketh in darkness, and hath no light**”. It is true that the Believer experiences times of darkness. They feel themselves to be in darkness as they walk through adversity and trouble in this life. But the description is that they “**walketh in darkness**”, as in continually. We have times of joy and great light, so what does this really mean?

The child of God “**that walketh in darkness, and hath no light**” is a child that walks by faith. We have no righteousness of our own. We have no confidence in our works. Confidence in our works is the description of the wicked in vs 11. They make a fire and walk by that light. They compass themselves with the sparks of their fire. Meaning they stoke their fire to be encouraged and feel safe that they are pleasing their god.

The child of God, however knows that they are sinners. They have no righteousness of their own to appease God’s wrath. They simply believe God. And they believe the voice of God’s servant, Jesus Christ. Therefore, they make no fire of their own. They walk in darkness without their own light (Phil 3:3). By faith, they walk by the light of Jesus Christ. His righteousness is their righteousness. And he will lead them home safely. By whose light do you walk? ~Eric Lutter