

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
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THE OBTAINING OF MERCY

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” – Hebrews 4:16

To obtain mercy, we begin by asking for mercy. To ask for mercy presupposes these three things. (1) I have no merit. (2) My sin is all my fault. If I do not take complete responsibility for my sin, I cannot really ask for mercy. (3) Mercy is in His hands to give or withhold. If the Lord passes me by, I cannot complain of unfairness. Once again, if I do, I am no longer asking for mercy, but demanding my right. And we are told to come to the Throne of grace with boldness, cheerful confidence, to obtain this mercy! How can we do that without being presumptuous? *“For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace (free, unmerited favor), that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”* Those who truly come obtain mercy! ~Todd Nibert

I DIE DAILY

As a believer, a man redeemed by the blood of Christ, saved, forgiven, and justified by the grace of God, I purposefully endeavor to live in the habit of dying. I want to be able to say with Paul, **“I die Daily.”** Daily we must put down the passions of life in this world and die to it. A man who is dead to the world cannot be greatly charmed by it. My friend, you would be wise to hold everything in this world with a loose hand. Once a pastor was visiting one of the old men in his congregation. They were sitting in the man’s garden. He had a large estate, a fine home, a good piece of property. His wife, his children, and his grandchildren were all present. And the old man said to his pastor, **“These are the things that make it hard to die.”** Indeed, they are! But all of these things are perishing. We must hold them very loosely. Child of God, you must be ready, at a moment’s notice, to turn loose of anything in this world. For your soul’s sake, for your happiness, and peace. I urge you not to build your nest in any trees of this world. They will be cut down and cast into the fire.

~Don Fortner

You can say what you want to about the love of God. You can preach the love of God and the love of God is infinite. The love of God is eternal. The love of God is unchangeable. **“The Father loveth the Son”** and He hath put everything in the hands of the Son. That is the way it always has been. That is the way it is now and that is the way it always will be.

“The Scriptures are written that you might believe on the Son,” that you might come to Christ that you might embrace and lay hold upon Christ. That is why the Scriptures were written. It says in John 20:31; **“but these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.”**

This is the purpose for the writing of the Word of God. That is why these things were written, **“That you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you might have life through His name.”**

~Henry Mahan

(Excerpt sermon Sunday, May 27th, 1984)

THE “HIM” BOOK (Luke 24: 44 - 45)

“And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”

“The Bible is not a ‘how to’ book, a road map, a calendar of events, a history book, or a code of conduct. The Bible is a Him book. From beginning to end it is the declaration of the redemptive glory of God in Christ. Take the preeminence of Christ out of the Bible and all you have is another book. Use the Bible for any other reason than to declare Christ crucified and you misuse the Word of God.”

~Darvin Pruitt

Why Are We Baptized?

The two Greek words from where our word “baptize” is derived from, are distinctly different in meaning.

1. Bapto- Dipped and brought back up.
2. Baptizo- Submerged and changed into something else.

The best example I’ve found, no matter how shallow it may seem, is the pickle. The cucumber can be placed in water and brought back out again and does not change anything about the cucumber. However, if it is placed in vinegar for a time, its molecular structure will be altered, its appearance will be transformed, and its taste is completely different. Literally everything about the cucumber has changed. It would be foolish to try to take the pickle and turn it back into a cucumber, this is an impossibility.

Physical Baptism no more brings salvation than taking the Lord’s table makes one holy. Yet we honor these two ordinances as instructed by our Lord. We confess him and have hope that when Christ was Baptized with the Fire of God’s wrath we were baptized (Baptizo- Submerged and changed into something else.) in him. When the waves of God’s justice beat upon the Lamb of God, we were safe in Christ our Ark. When His soul was made an offering for the sin of his people, he put them all away. Our hope is that he hath made us new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17) made like him, in the sight of God by his immersion into the depths of Hell. Therefore, it is impossible to separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:38-39). Here are five reasons that further explain why we are baptized.

- 1.) To confess Christ all our hope before God. His life, death, burial, and resurrection. ~Col. 2:9-12
- 2.) To confess our sin. What we are, and that we have been made to need Christ the substitute. ~Mark 1:4-5
- 3.) Christ our example was Baptized. ~Matt. 3:13-17
- 4.) To Confess this Gospel is the only Gospel that clears the Conscience! ~1 Peter 3:18-22
- 5.) His people are privileged to and are commanded to! ~Matt. 28:19-20

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” Gal. 3:26

~Caleb Hickman

“Sinners do not become servants of the Lord by studying how to be good servants. Sinners become faithful servants by knowing and studying the Master.” ~Chris Cunningham

ANNOUNCEMENT

- We will come to *The Lord’s Table* (DV) after a short message following our afternoon meal.

HE SHALL SAVE THEE

“...wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee” (Proverbs 20:22)

BELOVED, just before our Lord went to the cross to accomplish our salvation; just before He went to the cross to give His life a ransom for *many* (His beloved people), He said “*I pray for them.*” I want to know that when He prayed ‘for them...which shall believe’ that He prayed for me, don’t you?

The apostle wrote “*He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life*” (1 John 5:12). Reader, there is nothing more important than to know if indeed you have the Son. There is no subject of more importance than to know if you are savingly joined to the Lord Jesus Christ. Many religious pretenders say that they know the Lord, but the question I want to press is this, does the Lord Jesus Christ know you? Does He in truth know me? If He does, be sure of this, He prayed for you and me and ‘*shall save*’ us.

In so many blessed places the Word of God comforts believing sinners in setting forth our blessed Lord and Saviour as the God who ‘*shall save*’ His people. The proverb of God ever so blessedly declares “*Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and HE SHALL SAVE THEE.*” Reader, don’t try to fix things! Don’t try to put things right in God’s sight before you come to Christ because you never will! There is only One who can *recompense* for all the evil you are! There is only One who can put things right! Wait on the *LORD*, and *HE shall save* you.

Are you surprised at my speech *evil* reader? Do you consider yourself otherwise? The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to save ungodly, evil, sinners. And if God has not taught you as yet, that you are evil — I fear that you are, even now as you read this, without Christ. The Lord Himself declares to sinful man “*If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?*” (Luke 11:13) Do you remember what our Lord explained to His step brothers? He said to them “*The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.*” (John 7:7) This unbelieving world hates the Lord’s testimony, but oh how I love Him for it! If He had not shown me that I am evil, I would never have come to Him to recompense for all of it, and wait on Him to save me.

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is the One that does not fall short of the glory of God. He is the One who gives His own glory to those who have given up pretending to have their own. Our Lord declared to our Heavenly Father “*the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be One, even as we are One.*” Reader, *believe* on the LORD, *wait* on the Lord Jesus Christ and He shall save you. AMEN! (Acts 2:21, Proverbs 20:22)

~Joesph Murphy

“One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.” Psalm 27:4

BE STRONG IN GRACE

In II Timothy 2:1, Paul instructs us to **“be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”** That is good instruction that each of us should take to heart. Be strong in grace by standing for God’s gospel of grace. Be strong in grace by preaching salvation only by God’s grace. Be strong in grace by refusing to compromise the message of salvation by grace alone. Be strong in grace by supporting the message of saved by grace. And very importantly, be strong in grace by strongly resisting the desire of the flesh to trust in something the flesh can do to make us more saved, more righteous, or more accepted by God. Be strong in grace by refusing to trust your soul to anything except God’s grace in Christ Jesus alone.

~Frank Tate

THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY SALVATION

Hebrews 6:9-10

“But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shown toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”

Salvation is being saved from sin. **“Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sin”** (Matt. 1:21). And there are always things that accompany that salvation. Where one has passed from death to life, from condemnation to justification, there will always be **“Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”** There will be the fruit of the Spirit and an embodiment of the Beatitudes. There will be love to God and men. There will be humility and a forgiving spirit. There will be a desire to glorify Him in my life. In the context it is called **“Your work and labour of love.”** While faith is always alone or it is not faith, it is never alone. There are always **“things that accompany salvation.”**

~Todd Nibert

LOOK TO CHRIST

“Faith is necessary for salvation. But we do not look to our faith to save us; rather, in faith, we look to Christ. Repentance is necessary for salvation. But we do not look to our repentance to save us; rather, in repentance, we turn to Christ. There are graces, which God works in us as He saves us. But these graces are never to be the object of our trust, confidence or hopeful gaze. All the graces God gives us in salvation are to be used to look to, turn to, appreciate, and lay hold of Christ, who is our Salvation!”

~Joe Terrell

Expound, Testify and Persuade

Acts 28:23

“And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening”

There are three essential things in the preaching of the gospel. Paul expounded, testified and persuaded those to whom he preached concerning Jesus Christ. Paul expounded, testified and persuaded these unbelieving sinners to believe the things concerning Jesus Christ and he did it from the very book that they claimed to believe and obey. **‘Persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets.’** What a confirmation this is to what the scriptures tell us in Luke 24:27 - **‘And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself’.**

I want you to consider these three things which are a pattern of true preaching. Wherever Paul was found he had but one purpose, whenever he preached, he had but one subject. Paul always hammered on the head of this one nail, **‘that to live is Christ!’**

First Paul EXPOUNDED! The word expounded simply means, explained, declared, exposed and set forth the truth. Paul expounded, explained and declared the kingdom of God to his hearers. Paul showed them the nature of Christ’s kingdom and the glorious purposes and designs of it. He declared to them that God’s kingdom was a heavenly and spiritual kingdom, not a fleshly, carnal one which consisted of a physical and outward work of righteousness, ritualism and religious ceremony for men to glory in.

Secondly Paul TESTIFIED! Some might say isn’t expounding and testifying the same thing? No, it is not! You cannot testify to something that you have not experienced. If you are called into a court of law to testify in a case, you are called to give an account of your own personal experience. To testify is to bear witness to the effect which the gospel has had upon our heart and life. Testifying is to never replace the preaching of the gospel but what a powerful means it is in persuading men to trust in Christ.

Thirdly Paul PERSUADED! Paul entreated, he besought, he pleaded his hearers to turn to and trust the Lord Jesus Christ. God doesn’t beg men to trust him, but true preachers will plead and persuade. For we know that if the sinner is to have eternal life they must have Christ. We persuade sinners to look to him and live and we are not above pleading with sinners to trust in Christ and Him alone.

~David Eddmenson