

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 Service 7:00 PM

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TULIP is a good acronym for the gospel of God’s grace that we preach and believe. However, there is a great difference between knowing **TULIP** and having salvation.

Knowing **TULIP** is knowing that all of Adam’s race is totally depraved in sin. It is knowing that the Father unconditionally elected a people to save before time began. It is knowing that Christ died only for the elect. It is knowing that the Holy Spirit will irresistibly draw the elect to Christ by the preaching of the gospel. It is knowing that the Lord will preserve all of His elect to the end. All of that is true doctrine. Those are the facts stated in the scriptures.

Salvation is more than knowing facts. Salvation is knowing that I am totally depraved in sin so the only way I can be saved is if God does all of the saving. Salvation is knowing that since I am dead in sin, I will never choose God. If I would be saved God must choose to save me. Salvation is knowing that my sin is so great that the only way I can be redeemed is by the blood of God. The only way I can be saved is if the Son of God died for my sin on purpose so that I would be saved. Salvation is knowing that I need the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ to me. I am so spiritually dead and blind that the only way I will ever see Christ is if He is revealed to me. Salvation is knowing that I would quit believing and fall away from Christ in a heartbeat so I need God to keep me by His grace. Salvation comes when **TULIP** quits being mere doctrine and becomes my need. ~Frank Tate

ANNOUNCEMENT

- We will come to the Lord’s Table immediately following this morning message.
- October 22nd Norm Wells will be preaching here in my stead.
- Friday Night Services is cancelled for Oct. 20th, 27th and Nov. 3rd.

‘I have purposed it, I will also do it’ Isa_46:11

Read 1Ki_18:21-40

To declare, as many do, that God’s plan has been frustrated by the entrance of sin into the world is to dethrone God. Some would have us to believe that God was taken by surprise when Adam sinned in the garden and that he is now trying to remedy and correct this unforeseen calamity in his creation. Such a notion is degrading to the character of God. It brings the Most High God down to the level of erring mortals. We are told that man is a free moral agent, that he is the determiner of his own destiny and that he has the power to resist God and hold the Almighty in check. Such a blasphemous notion would strip God of his attribute of omnipotence. Men would have us to believe that man has burst the bounds originally set by God and that God is now a spectator, more or less without power over the sin and suffering brought into the world by the fall of Adam. But such doctrine is in direct contradiction of Holy Scripture. It is written in the Word of God: **‘surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain’** (Psa 76:10). To put it very plainly, to deny the sovereignty of God in all things is either to make God what you want him to be, which is idolatry, or it is to enter upon a path which, if logically followed, must bring you to atheism. My friend, the sovereignty of the God of the Bible is absolute, irresistible and infinite. In declaring God’s sovereignty, I am simply affirming his right as God to govern this universe, which he has created for his own glory, just as he pleases. He is the Potter; we are the clay. We have no more power over God than clay has over the potter. God moulds the clay of Adam’s race into whatever form he chooses. From the lump of fallen humanity, he makes one vessel unto honor and another into dishonor. This is his right. He is God. He is under no law, rule, or power beyond his own sovereign will and holy nature. He is God. ~Don Fortner

Who gets the Glory?

If you wish to know if the gospel you are hearing preached is the gospel of God, ask yourself this question, **“Who gets the glory?”** If you wish to know whether your religious experience is of the flesh or of the Lord, ask yourself the same thing, **“Who gets the glory?”** Also, examine all your gifts, works, and missionary efforts by the same rule, **“Who gets the glory?”** God will not share His glory! That which is of God, from God, and for God’s glory will be blessed with His presence and power **“that no flesh should glory in His presence. ... that, according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”** (1 Corinthians 1:29, 31).

~Henry Mahan