

OPENING HYMN #36

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Kevin Thacker from Sovereign Grace Baptist Church of Princeton New Jersey is scheduled to preach here next weekend. Lord willing we will meet Saturday at 6:30 pm with supper and a time of fellowship immediately following the service. Sunday services will be at our regular time.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 1:17-2:10

WORSHIP HYMN #42

All Hail The Power

OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor 9:7

WORSHIP HYMN #309

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

MESSAGE

SALVATION GOD'S WAY

ISAIAH 19:1-25

CLOSING HYMN #38

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

THINGS TO PONDER

If God hides our sin or lessens it, He is faulty; if He leaves it still upon us, we die. He must then take our iniquity to Himself, make it His own, and so deliver us; for thus having taken the sin upon Himself, as lawfully He may and lovingly He does, it follows that we live if He lives; and who can desire more?

-John Bunyan

It is a greater glory to us that we are allowed to serve God, than it is to him that we offer him that service. He is not rendered happy by us; but we are made happy by him. He can do without such earthly servants; but we cannot do without such a heavenly Master.

-William Secker (1660)

I see no reason to contradict and fuss with that professing Christian who insists that Christ has done no more for him than he did for Judas. Maybe the poor man is right. How can you contradict him if he is telling you the truth? I just take him at his word and leave it at that. But don't imagine that Peter believed Christ did no more for him than he did for Judas. Both men had horrible falls into sin. One betrayed Christ and the other denied him. Christ left Judas to die in his sin and go to his own place – to hell. Christ made intercession for Peter and delivered him from what otherwise would have been a damnable fall. Ask Peter if Christ did more for him than he did for Judas. Ask any believer who has truly been taught of God and he will tell you; “If the Lord had not intervened and pleaded my cause as he did, my sin would have damned me just as Judas's sin damned him.” And every God taught sinner has lived to say with Peter, “Lord you know all things, you know I love you.”

- Pastor Bruce Crabtree

In our religious age, many men tell us that it does not matter where you go to church as long as you go somewhere. But this is wrong on many different levels. The first reason that comes to mind is that not everyone that is a preacher is sent of God. Many men have gone out with a message but not with *the* message. Many churches today are preaching a message that says: “God loves all men and has given them a free will to choose or reject Christ.” This is not *the* message of the Gospel, and all who attend such a church and agree with such a message are not saved, and will not be saved under such a preacher. Martin Luther was exactly right when he said according to Romans 10: 14-17, that it is absolutely impossible for anyone to do any of the following:

1. Man will not *call* upon Christ until he believes on Christ
2. Man cannot *believe* on Christ until he hears *the* gospel of Christ
3. Man cannot *hear* the gospel of Christ without a preacher
4. And it is impossible for one to *preach* the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit until he is sent of God.

And mark it down that a man that preaches a message of free will works religion is not sent of God, because that is not the gospel of Christ, and without the gospel, no man can be saved. Men are not saved by *another* gospel, but only by the *gospel of God's sovereign grace in Christ Jesus alone*. Men are saved only by hearing the message of Jonah: Salvation is of the LORD!

-Pastor Fred Evans

The offense of the cross

“And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? Then is the offence of the cross ceased.” Galatians 5:11
The preaching of the cross of Jesus Christ is offensive to the natural man. We that believe look at the cross and we see grace, mercy, love, forgiveness, and hope; but this world sees a “stumbling stone and a rock of offence.” I want to look at this by asking one question:

What is the offence of the cross of Christ?

First, it offends the wisdom of men. This world and its religion believe that man can by wisdom know God. That by sincere and heart felt study, man can know His creator in such a way as to bring him to heaven. They think the preaching of the cross is foolishness and that they by wisdom understand that there are better ways to save sinners. But the preaching of the cross tells us that this message, and means, was ordained of God for the salvation of His People apart from the wisdom of this world. (1Cor 1: 17-31)

Second, it is offensive to man’s ability. This world believes that all men have a “free will” in this matter of salvation. That man is the sovereign of his destiny, and he will come to Christ if all the right circumstances exist. But the preaching of the cross of Christ, tells us that no man can come to Christ unless the Father draw him. (John 6:44) This is because all men are born dead in trespasses and sins, which make men both unable and unwilling to come to God by Jesus Christ. The only hope for sinners is that God the Holy Spirit quickens their dead souls to life and faith in Christ. This too is offensive to the natural man.

Third, it offends the merit of men. All men by nature believe that they can by their will, works, and self righteousness merit the favor of God. But the Psalmist asks, “Who shall ascend to the hill of the LORD . . .? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart...” (Ps. 24: 2-3). But the gospel of the cross teaches us that “there is none righteous, no not one.” (Rom.3:11-20) The gospel teaches that the only way for man to approach unto God, is to have the “righteousness of God which is by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ to all them that believe.” (Rom 3:21-22) This is offensive to the natural man.

Therefore, how foolish is it for men to oppose the only hope for their salvation. It is like a drowning man despising the rope that is his only life line. Though Satan, devils, and all men oppose this gospel, it shall prevail to save all of God’s elect. It will save all those who believe on Jesus Christ, and see His cross as their only glory. (Gal 6:14) Believers let us not ever be ashamed of this gospel, but rather proclaim it to all and mind not their offense of it.

-Pastor Don Fortner

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“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

Rev 22:17



“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1Cor 8:6