

OPENING HYMN

Sat: #234 Wonderful Words of Life

Sun: #296 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michael Smith from Rescue Baptist Church is preaching this weekend. We plan to have a fellowship dinner immediately following the service this evening, and tomorrow's services are at our regular time.
 - Cody Henson will be preaching here on April 7-8, Lord willing. We will meet Saturday evening at 6:30 with dinner following the service. Pray for Bro. Cody as the Lord enables you. Invite a friend!
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SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: Psalm 40:1-17

Sun: Acts 8:26-40

WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #354 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Sun: #186 The Church's One Foundation

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

Sun: #175 Standing on the Promises

MESSAGE

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CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #127 Hallelujah, What A Savior

Sun: #449 To God Be the Glory

THINGS TO PONDER

Yes, mercy reigns, and justice too,
In Christ they both harmonious meet;
Christ paid to justice all her due,
And now He fills the mercy-seat.

“*Come See A Man . . . Is Not This The Christ?*” (John 4:29)

The story of the Lord revealing Himself to the woman at the well is every believer's story. The Lord chose her, *must needs* go and find her, speak to her, convict and convince her of her sin, reveal Himself to her . . . save her from her sins. And upon meeting the Lord Jesus Christ, she dropped everything and went home to tell everyone what great things the Lord had done for her. She became a witness of Christ, saying, “*Come see a man . . . Is not this the Christ?*”

Before she met Christ she spoke of her religion, the place she attended. Not now. She now speaks of Christ. Before she met Christ she talked to people about her church, her preacher, “*Come see our choir, come be a part of our church, come experience the fire.*” Not now! She now says, “*Come see a man*” . . . “*Come see the Christ.*” To everyone she meets, she says, “*Come hear the gospel of Christ and Him crucified. . . Come see and behold His glory, as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth!*” Before she met Christ she spoke to others mostly about the weather, her husband(s), politics and the things of the world. Not now. She now speaks of Christ. Her conversation is of heavenly things and of her true Husband, Christ! She now knows this *man* is no mere man; not calling Him ‘*Jesus*’, but now calling Him THE CHRIST. And so it is with everyone who has truly met and heard from the Lord Jesus Christ.

How can you tell if someone is truly saved; if someone has met the true God, His Christ, and has eternal life? Like this woman, they will speak of Him. They will speak of God's sovereign electing mercy in choosing them, calling them; of His sovereign grace in saving them. They will speak of how He came to them; how He chose them; how He gave life to them. They will speak of His will in their salvation, not their own sinful will. They will glory in His sovereignty and be ashamed of their sin and ignorance. Their speech will be of God's sovereign love, mercy and grace in Jesus Christ. Like this woman, they all speak of how He came to them through the gospel, revealing Himself to them (in them) and giving them the gift of salvation (not offering it); giving them His righteousness, shedding His precious blood for the remission of their sins; putting in them the water of life. They will speak of Him. It will be all of Him, for Christ is all in all to all His people.

You see, ‘*out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*’ When the Lord has truly revealed Himself in you; if *Christ is in you*, you will be in love with Christ, eternally grateful to Christ, and like a child speaks of His parent, like a wife speaks of her husband; those who know and love Christ will speak of Christ.

-Pastor Paul Mahan

Lawful Use of the Law

The law is lawfully used as a means of conviction of sin: for this purpose it was promulgated (established) at Sinai. The law entered, that sin might abound: not to make men more wicked, though occasionally and by abuse it has that effect, but to make them sensible how wicked they are. Having God's law in our hands, we are no longer to form our judgments by the maxims and customs of the world, where evil is called good, and good evil; but are to try every principle, temper, and practice, by this standard. Could men be prevailed upon to do this, they would soon listen to the Gospel with attention. On some the Spirit of God does thus prevail: then they earnestly make the jailer's inquiry, "What must I do to be saved?" Here the work of grace begins; and the sinner, condemned in his own conscience, is brought to Jesus for life.

When we use the law as a glass to behold the glory of God, we use it lawfully. His glory is eminently revealed in Christ; but much of it is with a special reference to the law, and cannot be otherwise discerned. We see the perfection and excellence of the law in his life. God was glorified by his obedience as a man. What a perfect character did he exhibit! Yet it is no other than a transcript of the law. Such would have been the character of Adam and all his race, had the law been duly obeyed. It appears therefore a wise and holy institution, fully capable of displaying that perfection of conduct by which man would have answered the end of his creation. And we see the inviolable strictness of the law in his death, There the glory of God in the law is manifested. Though he was the beloved Son, and had yielded personal obedience in the utmost perfection, yet, when he stood in our place to make atonement for sin, he was not spared. From what he endured in Gethsemane and upon the cross, we learn the meaning of that awful sentence, "The soul that sinneth shall die."

-John Newton

"Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord." -Psalm 130:1

There is a difference between knowing that I need to cry out for mercy, and actually crying out for mercy. There is a difference between knowing that Christ came to save sinners, and actually being a sinner who desperately needs and desires to be saved by the Lord Jesus Christ. The difference is: the head and the heart! Knowing that I need to be saved is in the head, but the actual cry for mercy can only come from God giving a new heart that believes, loves, and sees its only hope to be in the Christ who purges sinners from all their sins!

-Pastor Gabe Stalnaker

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10:30 AM Morning Worship Service

Wednesday 6:30 PM Mid-week Worship Service

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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