

OPENING HYMN #10

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Kevin Thacker is planning to preach here the weekend of April 20-21. We are thankful for the Lord's providence in sending him here with the good news of salvation accomplished in Christ Jesus, and we are encouraged by his faithfulness in seeking God's purpose in preaching the gospel to this present generation.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:1-17

WORSHIP HYMN #351

Near the Cross

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 #294

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

MESSAGE

CAPTIVITY, DELIVERANCE, WARFARE, VICTORY **ISAIAH 14:1-4**

CLOSING HYMN #488

My Redeemer

THINGS TO PONDER

Brother Scott Richardson once wrote, — “I defy anyone to find a solitary text of Scripture in the New Testament that uses the law to motivate, inspire, regulate, or even guide the believer. Believers are motivated by love, inspired by gratitude, regulated by grace, and guided by the Holy Spirit. The whole Word of God, the complete revelation of His will is our law. Our lives are governed by love, not by fear. We walk by faith, not by legislation. We walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh (Romans 8:9-14; Galatians 3:3).”

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

-Acts 10:43

Necessary Hearing

Romans 10:14-17

In order to believe on Christ, you must hear the gospel of the grace of God in Christ (v. 14; 17). — “*How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?*” It is impossible for sinners to believe in Christ until they have heard the gospel of Christ. The word “*heard*,” as it is used in this text, is to be understood loosely, in a very wide sense. It is not merely listening with the ear; but you must, by some means or other, come to a knowledge of the truth. You cannot believe what you do not know. And you cannot know what you do not hear, or read, or by some means learn. You must come to know the gospel. Otherwise, you can never believe in Christ (Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 1:21).

One Gospel

There is but one gospel, and that is the gospel of the grace of God in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-3). There are many things taught plainly and clearly revealed in the gospel. But particularly there are three vital points.

1. **Grace Alone!** — Salvation is by grace alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). The grace of God is eternal, sovereign, effectual, and immutable.
2. **Christ Alone!** — Salvation has been accomplished by Christ alone (1 Corinthians 1:30). The gospel of substitution is the only gospel there is. No man preaches the gospel who fails to plainly declare “*how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.*” He died voluntarily, by his own sovereign will and purpose. He died vicariously, in the room and place of his elect, his sheep, the people he came to save. And he died victoriously, fully accomplishing all he died to accomplish. He put away the sins of his people. He obtained eternal redemption for his elect. He justified all for whom he died.
3. **Faith Alone!** — Salvation is received by faith alone (Romans 3:20-31).

Hearing Necessary

The hearing of the gospel is necessary for the salvation of sinners. — “*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.*” There are many ways in which you might hear the gospel; but the primary means employed by God for the salvation of sinners is preaching, the public ministry of the Word. The Eunuch in Acts 8 could not understand Isaiah 53, except some man show him the meaning of Isaiah’s words. So God sent Phillip to preach the gospel to him. Lydia could not believe until God sent Paul to open the Scriptures to her. And when he opened the Scriptures to her, the Spirit of God used his preaching of the gospel to open her heart (Acts 16). Onesimus was providentially brought to Rome, just at the time Paul was a prisoner there, that he might hear the gospel from the mouth of God’s servant and be saved by his grace.

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If you are interested in your immortal soul, make it your business to hear the gospel. Be sure that what you hear is the gospel. The more often you hear the better. And beg of God that he may, by the gospel of his free grace, give you life and faith in Christ, by the effectual power of his Holy Spirit.

-Pastor Don Fortner

One of the old preachers is reported to have said, "I preach as one who may never preach again, as a dying man to dying men." How solemn a thought that is to those of us charged with preaching. Let us not tickle the ears of dying men with the trifles of earthly issues and vain religion.

But does this principle not apply in some way to the man who listens? Ought we not say every time we come to worship, "I listen as one who may never hear again, as a dying man among dying men"? God grant us the same seriousness in hearing as we expect in preaching!

-Pastor Joe Terrell

Favored With a View

When I was younger, I use to travel a great deal as a part of my job. Oftentimes, I would have to spend the night where I was working, so I would find a convenient motel-hotel room to stay in. Though all the rooms were pretty much the same, the view from each room was not. Sometimes the view was the back of the complex, where you saw nothing but concrete, trash cans, and food service trucks. Other times I would be "favored with a view." There would be rolling hills and small mountains, green pastures, beautiful horse farms or maybe even the night-lights of the downtown city skyscrapers. I never got to pick my own room. I just got whatever was available. But that is not the case with the believer in Christ, for they are always favored with a view.

The writer of Hebrews says in chapter eleven, verse twenty seven: By faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. To be favored with a view is to see Him who is invisible. It is to see God. It is to see God in Christ. It is to see Christ as God. Oh what a view we are given when God shows us that it was Him who died in our place, to give us His perfect righteousness. I think Peter said it best in 1 Peter 1:8-9 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Yes dear child of God, not with physical sight, but with spiritual sight we have been given and favored with a view that only God can give.

-Pastor David Eddmenson

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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