

OPENING HYMN #38

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Fortner is preaching in the United Kingdom this weekend.
 - Brother Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here the weekend of May 18, 19.
 - Pastor Don Fortner is scheduled to preach here the weekend of June 7-9.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 1:1-2:10

WORSHIP HYMN #326

More About Jesus

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 #235

Pass Me Not

MESSAGE

THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION

ISAIAH 26:19

CLOSING HYMN #18

Now Thank We All Our God

THINGS TO PONDER

The sovereignty of God is the stumbling block on which thousands fall and perish; and if we go contending with God about His sovereignty it will be our eternal ruin. It is absolutely necessary that we should submit to God as an absolute sovereign, and the sovereign of our souls; as One who may have mercy on whom He will have mercy and harden whom He will.

- Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)

“*Be still, and know that I am God...*” -- Psalm 46:10

If God is not in control of everything, then God is not God. Whatever has come your way, it is God who sent it to you. He has already ordained the outcome of it. If you are His child, it will only bring good. Just be still and trust Him.

-Pastor Gabe Stalnakker

The Token of the Blood

Exodus 12:13

The Word of God has a scarlet thread running through it, like the cord Rahab hung out of her window. That scarlet thread, by which these 66 books is bound together, which unifies everything written upon the pages of Inspiration, is the blood, the precious blood of Christ.

Blood Essential

The Blood and The Scriptures speak constantly about the blood. It is written in the books of the law, “*The life of the flesh is in the blood.*” God told Moses, “*The blood shall be to you for a token.*” He said, “*When I see the blood, I will pass over you.*” When the high priest went into the holy of holies on the Day of Atonement, he went in with blood. No man can come to God without blood atonement. When our Lord instituted the Lord’s Supper, he took the cup of wine, held it before his disciples and said, “*This is the blood of the New Testament, shed for many for the remission of sins.*” In Hebrews 9:22, we read, “*Without shedding of blood is no remission.*” That makes the blood a matter of infinitely immense importance.

These days, it is common for preachers, churches, theologians, and hymn writers to say as little as possible about the blood. We have become so educated, refined, and sophisticated that talking about blood is considered improper, unsophisticated, and rude. But it is still true that “*without shedding of blood is no remission.*” The whole of God’s revelation of himself, the whole of the gospel, the whole of salvation is wrapped up the blood, the precious, sin-atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ (Hebrews 9:12; 1 Peter 18-21). The shedding of Christ’s precious blood was and is absolutely essential to the saving of our souls. — Let us ever cherish the blood of Christ as that which is precious above all things.

Blood Token

The blood sprinkled upon the doorposts and lintel, portraying the blood of Christ sprinkled upon our hearts by the saving operations of God the Holy Ghost, was to the children of Israel a token. A token is a sign or a banner of something. And the blood of Christ sprinkled upon our hearts by the Spirit of God is God’s token within by which every believing sinner is assured of...

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- His Infinite Love (Romans 5:11).
- His Covenant Blessings Bestowed (Ephesians 1:3-6).
- Righteousness and Free Justification (Romans 3:21-26).
- Perfect Satisfaction in Christ (Hebrews 10:10-14).
- Complete Forgiveness (Isaiah 44:22).
- Free Access to God (Hebrews 10:19-22).
- Blessed Safety and Security (Romans 8:1, 33-34).

When the Lord God comes in judgment, in providential judgment to any nation, any house, or any age, or when he comes in the final judgment of that great day when the elements be on fire shall melt with a fervent heat, God's elect are safe. He has promised, "*When I see the blood, I will pass over you!*"

-Pastor Don Fortner

The Importance Of Worship

When the church of the Lord Jesus Christ meets, it is not the trifles of this world that should occupy her attention; she has much weightier matters to consider. The Scriptures say in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is a time for everything. There is a time for political concerns; there is a time for social action; there is a time for education and recreation. But the gatherings of the church of the Lord Jesus are a time specifically dedicated to the worship of Jesus Christ! His praise, His word, His purpose, and His work is our theme. These times must be jealously guarded against any intrusion of mundane matters. Satan, the archenemy of our Lord, will take every opportunity to divert our attention from our blessed Lord. His most effective tactic is to introduce important worldly matters into the worship services of the church. As important as these matters may be, they cannot compare with the heavenly, eternal matters of Jesus Christ and His blood and righteousness. May our gatherings, as well as our minds, be kept pure and sincere toward Our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Pastor Joe Terrell

The Kingdom of God is not a capitalistic democracy whereby its citizens get a vote and are rewarded according to their work. No. The Kingdom of God is a benevolent theocracy whose citizens love their King, and oh, how much more He loves them.

-Pastor Greg Elmquist

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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