

## OPENING HYMN #70

Holy, Holy, Holy

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Don Fortner is scheduled to preach here the weekend of June 7-9. Lord willing we plan to meet Friday night at 6:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Check with Dee Anne and Gwen if you would like to help out in meal planning for each service.
  - Brother David Coleman passed away after battling a long illness. May his family be comforted with the peace of assurance in their hour of mourning.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-5:3

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## WORSHIP HYMN #53

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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## 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

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## WORSHIP HYMN #10

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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## MESSAGE

**PROFANE NOT MY HOLY NAME**

**LEVITICUS 22:1-33**

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## CLOSING HYMN #18

Now Thank We All Our God

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## THINGS TO PONDER

Even though trouble is laid upon you, it is not as heavy as it could be nor as severe as they would be if the Lord was pleased to deal with you in justice rather than mercy. Therefore, "Wait upon the Lord for they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

*-Henry Mahan*

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Do yourself a favor... Do your soul to favor.. Avail yourself to every opportunity of hearing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. God speaks to man through his word, he spoke to me; who knows, he may speak to you.

*-Scott Richardson*

## Earthen Vessels

2 Corinthians 4:7

We must face the fact that flesh is flesh. Though all who believe are saved by the grace of God, washed in the blood and clothed in the righteousness of Christ, so long as we are in this world, we are just “*earthen vessels*.” When Paul talks about that salvation which brings into our hearts “*the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*,” he reminds us that “*we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us*” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7).

The more we think of the utter weakness of our flesh, the more thankful we are that our security and preservation in Christ is not dependent upon our own weak nature, but upon God’s constant power and sustaining grace. We are so feeble that if the matter were left in our hands, we would all fall and perish very soon. Many cannot endure the teachings of Holy Scripture regarding this matter of our security and preservation in Christ, because it makes the whole of salvation a work of divine grace from beginning to end. It allows no room for human merit and works.

We do not pretend to live above sin. Sin is a sadly common fact of life. You will never find one of those men who lived and walked with God in the Bible bragging about his righteousness or his perfection. In fact, they all struggled with sin in their flesh. All of God’s people are like Paul. We have two natures within us struggling for supremacy; the one is good, the other evil; the one is righteousness, the other sin; the one is spirit, the other flesh. If we could avoid it, we would never sin. We abhor our sin as an infinitely evil thing! We long for the day when we shall be totally free from sin. But, for now, we have the treasure of God’s saving grace in these earthen vessels, so that the excellency, the greatness, the power and the glory of our salvation may be attributed to him alone and not to us.

Does this mean that God’s people are no different from the unbelieving of this world? Certainly not! The believer is like a man climbing up a hill. He does slip and fall; but his face is set toward the summit. The unregenerate man is always going down, because his face is set in that direction. The believer is like a man on a ship. He often slips and falls on the deck; but he never jumps over board. Our judgments may at times be wrong, like the bewitched Galatians (3:1). Our affections may cool like the church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:4). Grace may at times seem to be lost to a child of God; but it never is really lost. The people of God, like the church in the Song of Solomon, do become slothful and negligent; but their hearts awake (5:2). The sun is sometimes eclipsed; but it regains its splendor. The trees lose all their fruit and leaves in the winter; but they have fresh buds in the

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spring. Israel may flee before her enemies at times; but she enters the land of promise triumphantly when her journey is over. So, too, the true believer falls many times; but the Lord raises him up, and he shall finally enter into heaven triumphantly through the blood, the righteousness and the grace of Christ. It is utterly unthinkable that one of God's elect should fail to enter into eternal glory. Like Jonah, we all may at times flee from the will of God; but grace will pursue us, preserve us and cause our hearts to return to him who loved us and gave himself for us.

I am like you, a man struggling with sin. At times, my sinful thoughts and my sinful deeds almost drive me to despair. But I am reminded by the gospel and by the Spirit of God that his grace is sufficient even for me. My salvation and my acceptance with God are not in myself, but in my Substitute. Like you, I am just an "earthen vessel;" but Christ is "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." He is all my Salvation, all my Desire and all my Assurance. I hang all my hope upon him. Do you?

*-Pastor Don Fortner*

### Why Do We Go to Church?

This is something that our children wonder. It is a good and fair question that we should ask ourselves before our children or anyone else asks us. Do we go to church because that is our habit on Sundays and Wednesdays? Do we go to church to feel better about ourselves? Do we go to church to appear righteous to others? Do we go to church to worship the Lord and be fed from His Word? The Lord told Moses that children would ask about the Passover: "And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?" (Exodus 12:26) The Lord gave fathers the answer to give: "It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped." (Exodus 12:27) The reason believers go to the worship service is to be reminded how the Lord delivered His elect people, spiritual Israel, by suffering and dying as their substitute. They go to hear how the sacrifice of Christ has set His people free from sin, death, and hell. They go to the worship service to hear again how the blood of Christ has blotted out their sin and they are safe from God's wrath under the blood of Christ. And believers go to the worship service to bow in the heart and worship such a wonderful Savior who would do something so wonderful for a wretch like me. Is that why you have come to the worship service this morning!

*-Pastor Clay Curtis*

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**Sunday May 26, 2019**

**"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**