

OPENING HYMN #70

Holy, Holy, Holy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- With Summer nearly here and vacations around the corner we do not have Kevin Thacker scheduled to preach here until July 27-28.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 23:1-11

WORSHIP HYMN #125

Jesus Paid It All

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 #351

Near The Cross

MESSAGE

PERFECT, YET VILE

LEVITICUS 22:21

CLOSING HYMN #18

Now Thank We All Our God

THINGS TO PONDER

To preach the gospel is to preach the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to declare that he, by his perfect, complete, finished obedience to God as a man, brought in everlasting righteousness, made an end of sin, and obtained eternal redemption for God’s elect.

-Pastor Don Fortner

“It shall be well with the righteous” – Isaiah 3:10

In spiritual things, all your temptation, all your darkness, all your wandering: God will overrule. It shall be well with you. There shall never be a night, but that morning shall come; there shall never be a day of trouble, but a day of prosperity shall follow; there shall never be an emptying, but there shall be a filling; there shall never be a bringing down, but that He will raise you up again. Let it be either darkness or light, sorrow or grief, night or day, life or death, time or eternity, “It shall be well with the righteous.”

-Scott Richardson

Orderly Worship

Titus 1:5

Having apostolic authority to do so, Paul left Titus in Crete, to “*set in order*” things that were lacking in the churches and to oversee the ordination of gospel preachers among them. The Word of God does not lay down any distinct order of service for public worship that must be rigidly followed, and we must be careful to avoid mere religious ritualism and ceremonialism. Yet all things must be done decently and in order. We must do nothing without thoughtful prayer and preparation; and all that is done must be done for the glory of God. In the New Testament we see five things which are essential to public worship. These five things should be regularly maintained in the services of every local church.

1. **Prayer** — When we come together for worship, we should be led in united, public prayer (1 Timothy 2:1). That doesn’t mean everybody prays out loud! What could be more absurd? Rather, one man at a time leads the congregation in prayer.
2. **Reading** — Every assembly for public worship should give attention to the public reading of Holy Scripture (1 Timothy 4:13; Revelation 1:3; Acts 15:30-31; Luke 4:16). When the Scriptures are read in our worship services, the man reading should simply read the Word, with very little or no comment, emphasizing the supremacy of Holy Scripture as God’s Word to us. Leave the preaching to the preacher.
3. **Praise** — United, public praise, congregational singing, is a blessed part of public worship (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). Let our songs be songs of praise celebrating the persons, work, and glory of the Triune Jehovah. Let us ever sing about our God, not about ourselves. Praise is not waving your hands in the air, rolling your eyes toward the ceiling, and shaking your hips like barbarians doing a voodoo dance! Praise is speaking to one another about God and speaking to God in “*psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.*”
4. **Preaching** — The most important aspect of public worship is the preaching of the gospel (2 Timothy 4:1-2). The House of God is a preaching center. The local church is a sounding board for the gospel. It is not a religious social club, or a place of entertainment. In every true house of worship gospel preaching is supreme.
5. **Ordinances** — We must regularly observe the ordinances of our Lord in public worship, that is, Believers’ Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, confessing our faith in and allegiance to our crucified Savior, remembering him who loved us and gave himself for us.

Every service of every local church should be a worship service. Whether the congregation is many or few, whether it is gathered on Sunday morning, *continued on back...*

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Sunday night, or in the middle of the week, when God's people gather in public assembly, they ought to be led in the worship of God by faithful, well-prepared, gospel-preaching pastors. Each service of the church should include prayer, reading of Scripture, praise to God, and gospel preaching. And the services should frequently include the observance of our Lord's ordinances.

-Pastor Don Fortner

When God is Displeased with a People

When God is exceedingly displeased with a people, it is not necessary, in order to their punishment, that He should bury them alive by an earthquake, or destroy them by lightening. If He only **leaves them to themselves**, withdraws His blessings from their counsels, and His restraint from their passions, their ruin follows of course, according to the necessary order and connection of causes and effects.....

If God gives up a people to the way of their own hearts, they will, they must, perish! When a general corruption of morals takes place, when private interest extinguishes all sense of public virtue, when a profligate (shamelessly immoral) and venal (open to bribery) spirit has infected every rank and order of the state, when presumptuous security and dissipation (amusement) increase as danger approaches, when, after repeated disappointments, contempt for God, and vain confidence in imagined resources of their own, grow bolder and stronger, then there is reason to fear that the sentence has already gone forth, and that the execution of it is at hand.

-John Newton, 1725-1807

The sinner's friend

"I have called you friends!" John 15:15

The Pharisees called our Lord "The friend of sinners." They thought to brand him with shame and hold his name up to ridicule; but what they thought to be his shame is his chief glory. He is indeed "the friend of sinners." Thank God he is! This is what makes the gospel good news. This is no sham gospel that we preach; but it is real salvation for real sinners. It is real grace for real guilt. We preach no gospel of merit for moralists. We preach the good news of forgiveness for men who are nothing, have nothing and can do nothing! "COME ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore. Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power."

-Henry Mahan

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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