

## OPENING HYMN #1

O Worship The King

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here the weekend of July 27-28. Schedule for Saturday TBA, Sunday we will meet at our regular scheduled times.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

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## WORSHIP HYMN #39

This Is My Fathers World

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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 #229

Tell Me The Old, Old Story

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## MESSAGE

### THEY WOULD NOT HEAR

ISAIAH 28:1-13

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## CLOSING HYMN #163

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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## THINGS TO PONDER

"That calling or condition of life is best for us, and to be chosen by us, which is best for our souls, that which least exposes us to sin and gives us most opportunity of serving and enjoying God."

– *Matthew Henry 1662-1714*

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Our Gospel, the Gospel of God, concerning His Son Jesus Christ, is manifestly unflattering to the flesh, and we have no desire to make it otherwise. We are careful not to be personally offensive to people, but the offense of the Gospel (Galatians 5:11) cannot, must not, be diminished.

–*Pastor Chris Cunningham*

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Since salvation is all of grace, and we are complete in Christ, and “*All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose*”, we should walk in fullness of joy. To not do so is sin and unbelief.

–*Pastor Todd Nibert*

## Our Blessed, Mysterious Union

*"We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."* Ephesians 5:30

Child of God, can you begin to imagine what this text teaches? There is a living, loving, and lasting union between the Lord Jesus Christ and all his people. It is beyond imagination, but it is true -We are One with our Redeemer! What does this imply?

Certainly, it implies **A Similarity Of Nature** between Christ and his church. By the incarnation our Lord assumed our nature. He is God the Eternal Son. But he is also a real man. As a man, he lived in perfect righteousness, died as our Substitute, arose from the grave, and reigns in glory. Ever rejoice in the eternal Deity of Christ; but never forget that your Savior is a real man. And by the new birth the Son of God has given us his nature. We are "partakers of the divine nature." Christ bears our nature in heaven, and we bear his nature upon the earth. The text also implies **An Intimate Relationship**. We are wed to the God-man! We cannot understand this relationship, but we can enjoy it. Christ espoused us to be his bride before the world began. He redeemed us for himself He prepared our wedding garments. He allured us into the wilderness and there won our hearts by his all-prevailing love. My God, my Maker, my Redeemer, my Savior, my King is also my Husband. "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; his love is better than wine." Again, the text implies **A Mysterious Origin**. As Eve was taken from the side of Adam, the church was born from the bleeding side of Christ, the Second Adam. He died that we might live. And these words imply **A Loving Possession**. We belong to Christ. "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." For many years we lie in the arms of another. But all the while we belonged to him who loved us, chose us, and redeemed us. Once more, our text implies **A Vital Union**. "We are members of his body." Those words imply much more than unity. They imply identity. We are One With Christ! He must have us. The Head cannot be complete without his body. The King must have his subjects. The Shepherd must have his sheep. This is a vital union. Christ **MUST** have his redeemed ones. And we **MUST** have him.

"We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bone." What does this union secure for us? It secures eternal salvation, absolute safety, and the perfection of eternal glory. The Lord will not share his glory with another. But we are one with him. And **WE SHALL HAVE THE VERY GLORY OF CHRIST!**

–*Pastor Don Fortner*

### **Absolutely Sovereign**

*Psalm 76:10: Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.*

If we deny the absolute sovereignty of God we do not deny it because we think it belittles God. Whether we know it or not we do it TO BELITTLE GOD AND EXALT SELF. Though most argue against God's absolute authority and power claiming concern over God being accused of being the author of evil, the true concern is that I'll be found out to be the author of all my sin.

If we confess that God can remove his restraining hand from a man, harden a man's heart, so that the sinner commits evil in a city all to accomplish God's purpose then we have to confess that it is only by God's direct hand and purpose that sinners are not venting more evil than we do now. By nature evil is what we are. The only thing keeping me from committing the vilest act right now is the sovereign power of God.

Yet, all the evil acts that sinners have ever committed on this earth have praised God. One only has to look at the most sinful act of all. At the cross we behold God bringing praise to his name from the unrighteous wrath of man through the death of his own Son. If everything which happened to God's own Son was according to God's determinate council then who are we to question him as to what he does from his throne in glory to us worms called men. Praise him that he has not given us our just due in removing his hand from all of us. Sinful man apart from God's restraining hand is hell.

God's absolute sovereignty is the very definition of who God is. It gives great peace to the sinner who has been made to see him in truth. I am thankful my God is truly God.

*-Pastor Clay Curtis*

A Christian is one that believes things that his reason cannot comprehend and hopes for things which neither he nor any man alive ever saw. He believes 3 to be 1 and 1 to be 3; a Father not to be older than His Son; a Son to be equal with the Father, and one proceeding from both to be equal with both. He believes himself to be precious in God's sight and yet loathes himself in his own sight. He is so ashamed, that he dares not open his mouth before God, yet comes boldly to God and asks Him anything he needs. He hath within him both flesh and spirit and yet he is not a double-minded man. He is often led captive by the law of sin, yet it never had dominion over him. He cannot sin, yet he can do nothing without sin

*-Francis Bacon (1561-1626)*

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**Sunday July 14, 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**