

## CALL TO WORSHIP

He Hideth My Soul #258

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Andre G. AM

Mike S. PM

Wed- Bob M.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will not be passing the offering plate this week. If the Lord has put it on your heart to do so, there is a box by the entry door with envelopes.
  - Lord willing, Pastor Clay Curits will be preaching for us Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
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## WORSHIP HYMN

To God Be The Glory # 449

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## MESSAGE

DOING RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 JOHN 2V29

LOWERED TO SALVATION

MATTHEW 9V1-8

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## CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision #334

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A man's free-will cannot cure him even of a toothache or a sore finger, and yet he madly thinks it is in his power to cure his soul of sin. Actually, the greatest judgment which God Himself can in this present life inflict upon a man is to leave that man in the hand of HIS OWN BOASTING FREE-WILL! Look where you will, and you will generally find that free-willers are not free-givers nor are they free-forgivers, but are very free-livers!

- Augustus Toplady (1740-1778)

## WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN?

We won't make much headway in finding a solution if we do not understand the problem. A cure is not likely to be found if we have no knowledge of the disease. In the matter of salvation the problem is man's sin; the solution is God's grace. The disease is moral depravity and spiritual inability; the remedy is God's mercy in Christ. If a man is near-sighted, he only needs corrective glasses but if he is blind, he needs the miracle of sight! If a man is sick, he only needs medicinal aid, but if he is dead, he needs the miracle of life! If man has only strayed from the way, he needs directions, but if he is completely lost, he needs to be found! Here is the question to be settled by preachers and people "What happened in the garden?" When one feels obliged to come to some conclusions on the subjects of election, irresistible grace and particular redemption, it would be wise for him to first determine the condition of the sinner who is to be saved. If man was only wounded by the fall he needs assistance; if he is dead in sins, he needs to be resurrected and that by the purpose and power of the God of life. If fallen man still has his moral ability and power of choice, then let us wait for him to choose and seek God, but if he loves darkness and will not come to Christ then Christ must love and come to him.

- Henry Mahan

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Only those who have experienced the miracle of the new birth know the difference between professing Christ and possessing Christ.

- Gene Harmon

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## CHRIST OUR SUBSTITUTE

*“Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified” (Matt. 27v26).*

God has ordered by His marvelous providence a vivid picture of every believer's Substitute. Barabbas was rightly charged, convicted and sentenced to be executed. He was found guilty of murder, robbery and sedition against Rome. When the executioner came to release him, he was told Jesus had taken his scourging and crucifixion and that he could go free.

Barabbas is a type and picture of the sinners for whom Christ Jesus died (1 Tim.1:15). We stand guilty before the law of God (Rom. 3:19-20). We were justly convicted of great offences against God (Psalm 51:4). We were waiting the execution by God's holy law (Rom.6:23). However, by the order of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was sent to rescue, redeem and release sinners (Matt.9:13; Luke 4:18). Believers no more merit release and rescue than Barabbas did (Eph.2:1-4). But God in His sovereign grace sent the gracious Substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ to take our place and set us free (1 Peter 3: 18).

Christ Jesus paid our debt to God's law and justice and cleared us of all guilt (Gal. 3:10-13). Christ Jesus took our scourging and with His stripes we are healed (Isa. 53:5). Christ Jesus took our death and gave us His life (1 John 5:12). He took our sin and gave us His righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21). He was condemned though innocent (1Peter 2:22), that we might be justified though guilty (Rom.8:1). There is infinite merit in all that Christ performed for His covenant people (Heb. 2:17; Rom. 5:6-11). Surely, it is right to honor and worship the Lamb of God that takes away all our sin and that brings in and freely imputes to us an everlasting righteousness (John 1:29; Rom 4:6; 1 John 3:5).

*“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” (Gal. 6:14)!*

-Tom Harding

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**Sunday June 21st, 2020**

**“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**