

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed Redeemer # 112

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Brian S.

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd # 293

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Upcoming conferences

May 5-7 Bethel Baptist Church Spring Lake, NC

May 19-21 Oley Grace Church Oley, PA

June 30-July 2 Rescue Baptist Church Rescue, CA

July 7-9 Sovereign Grace Baptist Church Ewing, NJ

July 28-30 Redeemer Grace Church Sellersburg, IN

Oct 27-29 Grace Baptist Church Lewisville, AR

CLOSING HYMN

Once For All! # 205

People of God. We can plan and arrange our worship services perfectly according to Scripture, sing just the right songs, pray fervently and Scripturally and even deliver a well studied, God honoring message from the Word of God, but we cannot worship unless the Lord Himself graces our presence with His, and blesses us to do so. Pray for it. Let us seek Him this very morning that we may find.

- Chris Cunningham (College Grove, TN)

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Does that mean that water baptism is necessary for salvation? Was the thief on the cross baptized? No. Was he saved? Yes. That answers that question! So why did the Lord say this? In making that statement He tells us the requirement for baptism: faith! *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”* Only those who believe are to be baptized. Not only does this deny infant baptism, but it says if I went through the ceremony of baptism before I really believed the Gospel, it was not true baptism, but a meaningless religious ritual. The requirement for baptism is faith in Christ. If we believe the Gospel, we are to be baptized!

- Todd Nibert (Lexington, KY)

HOW DO YOU HEAR?

Many hear the gospel carelessly, caring nothing for their souls, the glory of God, or the will of God. Others hear the preached Word critically, only listening for the preacher to say something they can differ with and criticize. Multitudes hear the preaching of the gospel selectively, hearing only what they want to hear. Saved sinners hear the Word profitably, saying as they hear, *“Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth Thee.”*

- Don Fortner

AUTHORITY

The only infallible authority is the written word of God. It came from the mouth of God, and is preserved by the providence of God. The Church has no authority but what she gets from God - ie the written word. If the Church leaves the written word she gives up her authority. But even worse, when it leaves the light God has provided for it, it goes off into darkness, and there is no darkness so great as that which engulfs the professing Church when it leaves the light of the Holy Scriptures. "To the law and to the testimony." God said, "if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is *no light* in them" (Isa 8:20). The only light it could possibly have is the light from a fire it has kindled for itself.

The Church cannot fall or fail when it cleaves to the written word as it's only rule of faith and practice, but the Church cannot stand when it doesn't.

There was good reason Spurgeon said, "Cling to the divine authority of the Scriptures with a death grip!" It's not enough to talk about "The blessed old Book", We must have a heart reverence for it - tremble at its threatenings; cleave to its promises; love its revelation; hid it in our hearts; set it up first and foremost in every moment of our lives. First in our homes, first in our workplace, first in our Church services. If you and I want God's eye upon us for good, and his ear open to our cry, we must cleave to the written word as we would cleave to Jesus Christ himself. Christ is in his written word. If we leave it we leave Him. If we lose it we lose Him.

Thank God for those men and women who have been convinced of the authority of the written word of God to the point, they would lose their property, their health, and their heads before they would let go of the written word of God.

-Bruce Crabtree (New Castle, IN)

San Diego Grace Fellowship

*"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."
1Cor 1v23-24*

April 23rd, 2023

Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM
- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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