

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fairest Lord Jesus! #50

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- March birthdays: Kyle Jonilionis 5th; Sarah Vargas 21st; Mike Smith 29th
 - Welcome to the folks from Rescue Sovereign Grace Baptist Church who are joining us this morning by way of Zoom meeting.
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HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See #163

MESSAGES

-pastor John Reeves

- Bible Study
 - Morning service
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CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #187

The God of the universe, the LORD of Hosts, is the self-existing One. No man (or woman) has ever seen Him, except as He is revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:18).

"All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and [he] to whom the Son will reveal [him]." (Luke 10:22)

Do you know the Lord Jesus? Or better, does He know you? Jacob wrestled with the Lord all night at Peniel, and would not give up, saying, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." (Gen 32:26) This is true faith. It is saving faith. It is the faith of Christ our Savior, and it is a gift from God.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.

- M. A. Smith

"As for the child of God, if Christ is preached, he is happy just to be there and worship with sinners, just like himself."

- Tommy Robbins (1948-2011)

A Lesson From A Dog In A Trap

Several years ago, I was hunting deep in the woods when I came upon a dog caught in a large steel trap. I purposed to save that dog and set him free. But when I approached him, I was met with a fierce look and a deep growl. Eventually I made my way near him; but when I touched the trap (causing pain), the dog attacked and I barely escaped being bitten. Not to be frustrated in my purpose of mercy, I found a forked stick and used it to hold him down while I removed the trap and set him free. He limped away in one direction while I went another.

Shortly, I became aware that the dog was following me. I stopped, he came to me, I petted him, he licked my hand. The dog followed me the rest of his life.

The Lord Jesus came to me when I was trapped in sin and doomed to die. He purposed to save me and set me free. But when He approached me in the gospel, I met Him with fierce looks and harsh words. When He touched me, it caused pain because it revealed my problem, and I rebelled all the more. But He would not be frustrated in His purpose of mercy. By divine power He held me in check as He removed my chains and set me free. Now I follow Him, I lie at His feet, I desire no more than to be with Him.

- Charles Pennington

Christ – Our Justification

A violated law can never justify the one who broke it; it can only condemn him. The guilty cannot be declared righteous by the very law that declares his guilt. Therefore, justification must come from the One whose law we have offended. As Scripture says in Romans 8:33: "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."

What an astounding truth! The same God whose law we broke is the very One who justifies us. How can this be? Because God Himself, in the person of His Son, took on flesh—He assumed my nature, yet without sin. In perfect obedience, Christ satisfied the demands of God's holy law on my behalf. By doing so, He accomplished what I never could. Through His sacrifice, He justified me—declared me not guilty before the throne of God. Jesus Christ is my justification. Before God, I stand righteous not because of what I have done, but because of what He has done for me.

- pastor John Chapman

