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GALATIANS 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.



## WELCOME TO RESCUE BAPTIST CHURCH

“Sinners are welcome at this church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s undeserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never-failing Lord Jesus Christ. We call His name Jesus for He shall, (not might, not maybe) but shall save His people from their sins, and every sinner that trusts in Christ is complete in Him, saved to the uttermost” Hebrews 7:25 (copied)

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Friday Night Service 7:00 PM

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Believing on Jesus Christ is the work of God  
(John 6:29)

Faith in Jesus Christ is God’s gift to His people (*Eph. 2:8; Heb. 12:2*). Once again, *Are We Really Thankful* to God for ALL THINGS? *‘He that spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us ALL THINGS?’ ‘For it pleased the Father that in him (in Christ) should all fulness dwell’ (Col. 1:19).* If we have Christ, **WE HAVE EVERYTHING - WE HAVE IT ALL.** It is only fitting, then, that we show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (*1 Peter 2:9 - 10*). ~Gene Harmon

“The popular gospel is a declaration of man’s rights and God’s obligations ... ‘I have a right to salvation if I want it, and God must give it to me if I ask for it.’ The Gospel of Christ is a declaration of God’s rights and man’s helplessness to fulfill any of the obligations .... *‘Hath not the Potter power (authority) over the clay to make of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor? (Romans 9:21).* *‘There is none righteous, no not one’ (Romans 3:10).*” ~Joe Terrel

## HEART FAITH

Romans 10:9

“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus; and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” This is the one thing that is essential: you must “believe in thine heart.” Beloved friends, this I urge upon you, “examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.” I would do nothing to rob any true believer of the joy of confident assurance. But I must warn all men to guard against religious presumption. It is Satan's cheap counterfeit. **FALSE FAITH CAN BE VERY DECEPTIVE.** False faith produces good works. And it excites the emotions. It reforms the outward life. It performs deeds of religion. It causes sorrow for sin. It speaks well of Christ. It does works of charity. It trembles under the preaching of the gospel. False faith gains high offices in the church. It secures peace of mind. It walks in the company of great preachers. False faith even holds out to the day of judgment (Matt.7:22-23). My friends, **BEWARE OF FALSE FAITH!** Remember Lot's wife, Judas, Simon, Demas, and Diotrefes. Be not numbered among them.

**TRUE FAITH IS THE HEART KNOWLEDGE, TRUST, AND SUBMISSION TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.** God has revealed Christ to us in the gospel, by which we know our desperate need and his saving power and fulness. Trusting Christ alone as our all-sufficient Savior, we commit ourselves, body and soul to him. And where there is true faith, there is the submission of heart to Christ as our sovereign Lord and King. This faith comes not by heredity, nor by the logic and persuasiveness of the preacher. It is the gift of God. Christ is revealed in the heart by the gospel.

**THIS HEART FAITH CAN BE KNOWN BY THOSE WHO POSSESS IT.** Have we believed? If so, we have firmly, cordially, and voluntarily received Christ in all his offices. To them that believe, Christ is precious. Heart faith purifies the heart and weans it from the world. Heart faith works by love, lives in hope, and rests in Christ. This is true faith. This is heart faith. Forsaking A-11 I T-ake H-im.

~Don Fortner

“**FAITH** is that belief and trust which the saints have in the Lord Jesus Christ. Through faith they are both humbled and exalted, brought down and lifted up. Through faith they see the exceeding sinfulness of sin and the pure righteousness of Jesus the Christ. Through faith they are condemned yet justified, guilty yet innocent, naked yet clothed, sorrowful yet *‘rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory’.* No wonder the Bible speaks of faith as *‘precious faith’.*” *Maurice Montgomery*

## "MERCY CLOCK"

There's a sovereign wind now blowing, ..... time along its ordained path.  
Something for each moment in it, ..... Filling up until His wrath.  
And the wrath of God is certain, ..... to a judgement surely just.  
When in time He's finished mercy, ..... for His chosen ones to trust.  
There's a loving breeze still rushing, ..... even though it can't be seen.  
Something for each chosen Jacob, ..... sovereign grace that must redeem.  
There's a breath of life refreshing, ..... for His people from the Throne.  
Every space of time fulfilling, ..... what's ordained to bring them home!  
There is not one single moment, ..... or a space in time misplaced.  
Not a fractional-second wasted, ..... within our Lord's deliberate pace!  
Not one long-suffering-second, ..... has been hurried up in time.  
For the us-ward of His patience, ..... and the purpose of His mind.  
Thus all-time divinely governed, ..... forward-moving til it's stopped.  
By the hand of God who wound it, ..... and set forth His Mercy Clock! Amen.

**Mike Loveless 9-6-2016**

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"The church is not an institution for perfect people. It is a sanctuary for sinners saved by grace, a nursery for God's sweet children to be nurtured and grow strong. It is the fold for Christ's sheep, the home for Christ's family. The church is the dearest place on earth."

**~Charles H. Spurgeon**

## It's All Good



I heard a man say after experiencing a disappointment; "It's all good, there is a purpose in it." We believe that our God works all things together for good to His elect. We also believe that our God is a God of purpose. Yes, for the believer it truly is all good and there is a purpose, but what is the "good" and the "purpose" we are looking to find? I fear that for most, it is nothing more than a silver lining on a dark cloud. They speak peace to their own hearts with the power of positive thinking. They are looking to soften their disappointments with the hope of a better outcome. For the believer, we look in our trials for the hand and the face of the One who sent them. We know that He alone is the Good in all our troubles and that His purpose in all things is to glorify Himself in the hearts of His people.

**~Greg Elmquist**

## Ephesians 6:23

**Peace *be* to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

-  We will come to *The Lord's Table* (DV) after a short message following our afternoon meal.
-  **DON'T FOR GET TO SPRING FORWARD SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 12:00 AM**  
**(or you will be early for Church Services)**

## LIVING WATER

**(JOHN 4:10)**

There are no coincidences with the God of all creation. The God of scripture controls all things, He is ether sovereign ruler over everything that is, or you cannot call him GOD! So it is of no coincidence, that water is used as a vital picture in God's word. Water plays a very important part in all living things. Even our own survival depends on water! Have you ever thought about how everything that seems to be living dies in a drought! Plant life, animal life, even human life withers away when there is no water. The human body can go an average of 21 days without the consumption of nutrients found in food, contrast that with this point, the human body can on only go without water, for about 3 to 4 days. Throughout scripture, water is used as a picture of God's word going out into the world, a picture of God's gospel being preached, a picture of the story of **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED.**

The text says, "**If thou knewest**", that's the question. Do you know who it is that speaks through his written word? Do you know this one who is the incarnate God? Do you know this one who paid the price of sin for all of whom the father hath given him? Do you know this one who sits on his throne, ruling over all that is? Do you know this one, who comes to his elect, when they are dead in trespasses sin, raising them from spiritual deadness? Do you know this one who is rich in mercy? Do you know this one who quickens (gives life) to his people? Do you know this one who is the author, and finisher, of your faith?

**IF SO? THEN YOU HAVE TASTED THE WATERS OF LIFE IT SELF!**

**CHRIST JESUS THE LORD**

Our Lord asked Peter, who do you say that I am? Peter answered, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. CHRIST answered, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOM THE FATHER REVEALS "THE LIVING WATER"**

**~John Reeves**

## “Simple Words”

**“thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.”**

**Matt. 1:21**

The gloriously sovereign truth about who the Lord Jesus Christ is and what He accomplished for God’s chosen people can be condensed into these three precious simple words; “It Is Finished”. Yet, these are the very words that are the stumbling block to the self-righteous and foolishness according to the wisdom of man (1 Cor. 1:23). But to the called according to His purpose, we rest in these words and, by grace through faith, see the seated successful Sovereign Savior of His elected sinners. ~Caleb Hickman

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The **Lord Jesus Christ** has passed by many and said to them, **"Follow me, and they arose immediately and followed Him."** But, there are many more that He has passed by, leaving them to their own desires. There are many who go on in their sin who are really glad that Jesus passes them by and goes on to another. I have been preaching the Gospel of God's Grace for over 30 years to people of all walks of life, and I have never seen anyone get mad when Jesus passed them by.

The only reason we are saved is owed to His sovereign mercy. If left to ourselves, we would be lost. Some who have been passed by are more moral, more religious, and better than we are. If God has called you, it is the free grace of God. That is why He must get all the glory. **"Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."** ~Milton Howard

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## CHRIST OUR REWARD

**“To him that worketh is the reward NOT reckoned of grace, but of debt”**

**Romans 4:4**

“To the laborer in religion, what he merits or earns can never be called a gift, a favor, or mercy; it is an obligation owed to him. If work is involved at all in our salvation (regardless of the degree of work), it is a debt and **NOT GRACE AT ALL**. It is not that the believer does no good works, but that he does not work in order to obtain life and salvation. We work because we love Christ Jesus, not in order to be justified.” ~Henry Mahan

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**Colossians 1:14**

**In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**

## GOD THE FATHER'S FAITH

O that we could have the faith to believe in Jesus Christ just as God the Father does.

**Ephesians 1:12 KJV**

"That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ."  
We need God and His faith to believe the way He commands in His word.

**Philippians 2:5 KJV**

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"

How do we get God's faith?

How do we let this mind be in us?

We are all vessels, empty without life like a vacant house.

**Romans 5:5 KJV**

"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

If there be any hope, then let it be on God's gracious nature to give you the gift of faith. If God makes His abode in our heart, He makes it His home, His throne and we know that it was His will, His power, His anointed Jesus Christ that came to us and not we to Him. We can now believe because we have the gift of faith, God's faith, to believe His Word. When He gives faith it's the whole package.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV**

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

Ask Him for His faith, for it is your only hope. ~Bill Silva

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“That the eternal Son of God should lay aside the robes of His ineffable glory and take upon Him the form of a servant, that the Ruler of heaven and earth should be **‘made under the law’ (Galatians 4:4)**, that the Creator of the universe should tabernacle in this world and **‘have not where to lay His head’ (Matthew 8:20)** is something which no finite mind can comprehend; but where carnal reason fails us, God-given faith believes and worships.” ~A. W. Pink

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“The grace of God influences both the understanding and the affections. Warm affections without knowledge, can rise no higher than superstition; and that knowledge which does not influence the heart and affections will only make a hypocrite.” ~John Newton