



## 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)

### 95SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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

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### Faith is looking to Christ

Faith is looking to Christ (Hebrews 12:1-3; Isaiah 45:22; John 3:14-15; John 6:40; Luke 2:30). Looking to Christ is looking to Him as the only Savior of sinners when as a sinner I have nowhere else to go (John 6:68-69). I look to Christ as one who has only sinned; as one under the condemnation of God’s holy law and deserving His wrath; as one who has no other hope to be saved from the sin I have committed and do commit against God, the sin that is in me, the sin that is my very nature, and from the justice of God’s wrath, which I deserve (John 3:14-15).

Thus guilty, thus dying, and thus helpless and having no other God-given Savior but Christ and Him crucified, I look to Him with God-given faith. I look only to Him to be all of my salvation, to save me to the uttermost, by His finished work and risen, sovereign power (Psalm 50:15; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 5:9-10). “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:14-15). ~Rick Warta

## A SEARCHING QUESTION AND A SATISFYING ANSWER

--John 6:66--

“Our Lord had pressed upon his hearers the great truths of the gospel. He told them plainly that he was God the Eternal Son. He taught them man’s complete spiritual depravity and inability. He explained to them the fact that salvation is altogether of God’s sovereign grace. And he insisted that no man is born-again, except that man who is joined to Christ by a living and vital union of faith. But these men who followed Christ only for material gain, or out of a religious curiosity, or because they had eaten the miraculously produced loaves, were offended at his doctrine. And **“from that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.”**

Then our Lord turned to the twelve and asked this searching question – **‘Will ye also go away?’** Now I put the question to you. Many have gone away. It is likely that many more will yet do so. I fear that even some of our own number might become offended because of the gospel and go back, go back to the world, go back to the world’s religion, go back to the world’s way will you?

But this I know, those who are truly born-again, those who have experienced the grace of God, been redeemed by the blood of Christ, and been called to life by the Holy Spirit cannot go away. Those who truly know Christ can never leave him. We know our desperate need of him. Therefore, God’s elect return with this satisfying answer, **‘Lord, to whom shall we go?’**

“Sometimes, we are tempted and the world tugs hard at our hearts. But we know that no one can satisfy our need and our heart’s desire, but Christ. Christ alone has the words of eternal life. He is the Word of Life. The promise of life is in him. He is the Life itself, and the Way to life. We believe and are sure that Jesus of Nazareth is that Christ whom God has sent. He is God’s Anointed Prophet, Priest, and King. He is the promised Redeemer. He is the Son of the Living God.

The law cannot help us. The world cannot satisfy us. We must cling to Christ. He is all.” ~Don Fortner

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**“UNBELIEF...is a sin that is its own punishment. Those who do not trust God are continually vexing themselves.” ~Matthew Henry**

## “Kept By the Power of God Through Faith”

--1 Peter 1:5—

God Himself **PURPOSED** the salvation of His elect. He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world (**Eph. 1:3-5; 2 Tim. 1:9**). True followers of Jesus Christ are not ashamed of the doctrine of **Unconditional Election**. It is a blessed Biblical truth that gives glory and honor to our Heavenly Father who wrote our names in The Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world (**Rev. 17:8**). The self-righteous false religionists boast of their so-called free will while they blatantly deny God's electing grace. They have the audacity to call God their Father. The truth is, they're of their father, the devil, who is the father of all lies (**John 8:44**). All liars “.. shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death (**Rev. 21:8**). If God is our Father, we'll believe these words: “.. at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace” (**Rom. 11:5**). And these words: “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures” (**James 1:18**).

God Himself **PROVIDED** the salvation of His elect. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, to redeem His chosen people with His own precious blood. Our blessed Redeemer, while He walked on this earth, honored God's Holy Laws by His perfect obedience to His Father's will, by which He established a perfect righteousness for all of His chosen people. And when He sacrificed Himself on Mt. Calvary, He perfectly satisfied the Holy Justice of God forever for all of His blood-bought children. Jesus Christ didn't try to save His chosen people. **HE SAVED US!** (**Mt. 1:21**). He didn't try to purge our sins from God's sight. He, **by Himself, purged our sins** (**Heb. 1:3**). Our Savior didn't try to redeem His elect. He **obtained eternal redemption for us** (**Heb. 1:3**).

Under the preaching of His Glorious Gospel, God Himself, by His Sovereign **POWER**, gives His chosen, blood-bought children **true saving faith** to believe Him. Before time began, God **PRESERVED** us in Jesus Christ. In His appointed time of love for us, He called us into a living union with Christ our Lord and Savior. All of His enlightened children will **PERSEVERE** to the end because we're **kept by the POWER of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time** (**1 Peter 1:5**).  
~Gene Harmon

### Willing And Able

Our Lord is both **WILLING** to save sinners and **ABLE** to save them. If He is willing but not able, we have no hope; or if He is able but not willing, the result is the same. But if He is both willing to save and able, by His perfect sin-offering, there is no reason for me to despair.  
~unknown author

## ANNOUNCEMENT

- We will come to The Lord's Table (DV) after a short message following our afternoon meal.

### Saved By Grace

“The way of salvation is the way grace. God established this in eternity by a sovereign election of grace, by a demonstration of that grace in Jacob over Esau (Romans 9: 10-13), and in the plain declaration of holy scriptures. But nowhere is that grace more clearly manifested than it is in the effectual calling of the Holy Spirit and the preaching of the gospel. **‘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).”  
~Darvin Pruitt

“Speak to me now in Scripture language alone” said a dying Christian. “I can trust the words of God; but when they are the words of man, it costs me an effort to think whether I may trust them.”  
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### HOW IS THE BELIEVER ACCEPTED BEFORE GOD?

“We dare not hope to be accepted with God because of anything that is in us by nature, or may be infused into us by grace: we are **accepted in the Beloved**, and apart from Him we look not to be accepted. Even what the Holy Ghost works in us does not furnish us with any merit which we can plead, for it is a gift of grace, and no part of our justifying righteousness. We rest upon Jesus Christ crucified (His imputed righteousness, atoning blood, and mediation alone), and not upon our faith, repentance, or prayers.”  
~C. H. Spurgeon

“God never changes in His affections for His people or His purpose of good toward them. It is for this reason, and no other, that our salvation is sure and certain. Four thousand years of human rebellion did not cause God to abandon His promise of a Substitute to redeem His people; and our few years floundering in this world cannot move Him from His purposed grace toward us. What a comfort! Our salvation is not founded upon the shifting sands of our righteousness, confessions, or faithfulness, but on the bedrock of Divine consistency.” ~Joe Terrell

“All the believer's sins are buried in the grave of Christ. Not one, even the smallest, is left out. All that His searching eye could detect in us He laid on the head of Christ when He hung upon the tree. What perfect rest for the heart and conscience here! What full relief for the burdened spirit!” ~Scott Richardson

## Discontent or thanksgiving; unbelief or faith?

One of the most disgusting things I have discovered about myself over my life is my proclivity, from a child, to whine and complain. Even now, though I trust Christ, I am constantly drawn away by my sinful flesh to this great sin! What does this say about me (Romans 7:24-25)?

I find a tendency to complain in such a way that even the most worldly person would find appalling! When I was perhaps only 4 or 5 years old, I remember complaining in tears to my mom and dad because the show, “Hercules” was not on TV. I remember my dear mother of nine children frequently saying to me, “Oh, Ricky, you make me tired!” I distinctly remember standing in the bedroom when I was 10 years old. My throat was sore from whining. My mom finally said, “Stop whining!”

What does it say about us when we find ourselves complaining? It says we are very proud. It says we think we deserve and are entitled to much better than we find in our present experience by the proud measure of our own sinful expectations. It says we think we deserve better than God has given. It says we think that God, who does only what is best, has failed to meet our measure of good, and we are not happy with Him! It says we expect God and creation and people to serve us! It says we do not deserve present disappointments or unrest or want of happiness and comfort. It shows an utter lack of trust in God’s wisdom and God’s goodness. It says we have forgotten what Christ redeemed us from! It says we think that He who does only good, has not done good to me!

Now, this is why I so much hate my natural tendency to whine and complain! Do you know what is even uglier? The same pride that arises within me in discontent with God, is the same pride that so quickly notices and condemns discontent in those around me! Whining against God is bad enough! But oh, what devilish pride I find in me, which condemns others in what I myself think and do!? Such inward thoughts are surely more nauseating to God than discontent! But what is the opposite of whining and complaining? What can turn inward pride to humility in thanksgiving? Only trusting Christ! Only trusting Christ by God-given grace in the inner, new heart, by the Spirit of God. Only God-given faith in Christ is the cure of discontentment. Only faith in Him produces thanksgiving in the place of proud and critical whining. When we trust Christ:

- We entrust ourselves to Him who is only good and always does what is best;
- We trust Him for the day to day things who has done everlasting good to us;
- We trust Him, who by His infinite stoop, by personal suffering for our sins (Matthew 8:17), in humiliation before His enemies, in His incomprehensible love and immeasurable grace, in the humility of God stooped to take our nature, and in our nature, took our sins — even our sinful discontent and unbelief, who in our nature bore our sins in His own body and soul, that we might partake of His Spirit in holiness;
- When we think of Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself in love for His sinful people, that He might have them for His own by the purchase price of His own blood;
- Can we not then entrust our all to Him?

Can we not trust Him who does all things well (Mark 7:37) by every provision and in every event and experience of life (Romans 8:35-39)?! Can we not trust Him who died for us, to wash us from our sins, to bring us to God, to give us eternal life by Himself living in us?!

May we never question the faithfulness and goodness of our Savior! May we never question His work in all of our life (Romans 8:28-39)!

We have not yet entered the heaven of our inheritance in our own experience. For now, we are outside the borders of our inheritance. But can we not trust our great Captain and Savior to bring us into it? He has already entered that inheritance and taken possession of it in His own person, by His own blood! Can we not trust Him in the daily affairs of this life, when weaknesses are made evident, when comforts fade, when the warm breeze of ease turns cold in suffering and death? Yes! We can trust our dear Savior at all times!

**“Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Revelation 1:5), “For He has said, ‘Not at all will I leave you, not at all will I forsake you,’ never!” (LITV, Hebrews 13:5).**

**“Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee” (Deuteronomy 31:6).**

~Rick Warta

## Worship Hymn

Here's My Hope and Consolation  
(tune: Come Thou Fount)

In myself I have no merit,  
Nothing good have I to give,  
That a holy, just and perfect  
God could ever let me live.  
Sin defiles my best performance;  
Guilty, vile and ruin'd I am:  
Yet my heart breaks in repentance;  
By God's grace, I see the Lamb!

See the Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Bearing all our sin and shame!  
By eternal love and favor,  
Jesus died bearing our blame!  
Bruised and wounded and forsaken,  
As our Substitute He died.  
"It is finished!", sin's forgiven!  
Justice now is satisfied!

Here's my hope and consolation:  
Jesus died for sinners' sake!  
Trusting Him I have salvation,  
And the cup of blessing take!  
All is well, I cannot doubt it,  
God, who gave His Son for me,  
Rules this world and all things in it,  
For my good eternally!

So I'll trust my God and Savior,  
Though my joy is mixed with pain.  
He is worthy, worthy ever,  
That in me His peace should reign;  
Faith in such a great Redeemer  
Gives my soul a blessed calm!  
Christ is near, He's my Protector,  
He will keep me from all harm.

## Closing Hymn

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire,  
Redemption's only Spring!  
Creator of the world art Thou,  
Its Savior and its King.

How vast the mercy and the love,  
Which laid our sins on Thee!  
And led Thee to a cruel death,  
To set Thy people free!

But now the bands of death are burst,  
The Ransom has been paid!  
And Thou art on Thy Father's throne,  
In glorious robes arrayed!

O may Thy mighty love prevail,  
Our sinful souls to spare;  
O may we come before Thy throne,  
And find acceptance there!

O Christ, be Thou our lasting joy,  
Our ever great reward!  
Our only glory may it be,  
To glory in the Lord!

All praise to Thee, ascended Lord!  
All glory ever be,  
To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Through all eternity!