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**SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2023**

Hebrews 13:10 – 14

*“We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.”*



## 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

OPENING HYMN	MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE	PAGE 405
SCRIPTURE READING PSALMS 18:40-50		
WORSHIP HYMN	I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER	PAGE 506
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CLOSING	I AM THINE, O LORD	PAGE 358

“The ‘**Preaching of Christ**’ is much more than making frequent use of His name in our discourses, or even talking of His wondrous love and work for sinners. **The ‘Preaching of Jesus Christ’** is **first** and foremost the magnifying of His unique person, and making known of who He is – the God-man. **Second**, it is the opening up of His mediatorial office in which He serves as Prophet, Priest and Potentate. **Third**, it is the proclamation of His wondrous redemption. **Fourth**, it is the enforcing of His claims and the holding up of the perfect example He left us.”

~A.W. Pink

### A STONE OF STUMBLING | Peter 2: 8

All of the arrogant pride and haughtiness of self-righteous men who now imagine an authority in their possession to allow the seated Christ to do this or to do that, will one day stand in amazement to learn that even their decisions and power to reject the Lord were by His sovereign appointment. ~Darvin Pruitt

## “Behold, I make All Things New”

### Revelation 21:5

What a blessed word with which to begin the New Year! He who is God our Creator and God our Savior makes all things new.

### Grace

Has he who sits upon the throne of grace made you a new creature in grace? Has he reconciled you to God by his obedience on your behalf? Has he caused your old record of sin to pass away forever by his atoning sacrifice? Has he given you a new record of righteousness, imputing to you his perfect righteousness? Has he given you a new nature by his omnipotent mercy in the new birth? It is written, “*If any man be in Christ he is a new creature.*” Settle these questions for yourself. Believe on the Son of God, and they are settled forever. Your faith in Christ is the evidence of all these things not seen.

### Glory

Believing on the Son of God, let us live in the constant and confident expectation of this glorious work of God our Savior yet to come (Isa. 65:17-19). What a great and glorious prospect this is! Our God declares that when he has finished with us; when he has created new heavens and a new earth; when our salvation is complete and consummate; we will enter into an everlasting joy that will eclipse all the joys we have known in this world. He bids us rejoice *now* in the anticipation of the joy awaiting us in eternity. He declares, “*the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.*” Our sins will not be remembered against us, for Christ has purged them totally (Heb. 1:3). They will cause us no sadness in heaven. In that great and glorious day, our God will make us perfectly joyful. And the Triune God will, in all his holy Being, “*rejoice over thee with joy.*” He will rejoice over us “*as a bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride.*” — Imagine that!

### No Tears

In that great and glorious new creation, God will wipe all tears from the eyes of his people forever! Listen to the apostle John. — “*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*” There will be no tears in heaven to mar God’s new creation! — No tears over past sins! No tears over failures, losses, bad experiences, or even lost loved ones. Why not? Because “*God himself*” will be with us, and Christ will be our husband and our joy forever. Who can grasp the fulness of this promise? It is too great, too broad, too incomprehensible for our mortal brains. Yet, it is gloriously true! Our great God shall, in heaven’s glory, remove us from all sin, remove all sin from us, and remove us from all the evil consequences of sin. He will remove us from every cause of grief. He will bring us at last into the perfection of complete salvation and every desire of our hearts will be completely gratified. God’s salvation is so perfect and complete that when he is finished, we will not even have the slightest tinge of sorrow for anything. ~Don Fortner

## FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity” (1 Cor. 13:13).

What great blessings the Lord has freely and eternally given unto His church (Rom. 8:32). Indeed, Christ has blessed us with all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3). The apostle Paul makes mention of these three great and spiritual blessings that abide in every believer; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Why would Paul say that? Because it is true!

Every believer lives by faith (Rom. 1:17), walks by faith (2 Cor. 5:7) and will die in faith (Heb. 13:5), always looking to and trusting in Christ (Heb. 12:2). But one day faith will end in perfect and complete sight, when we behold the Lord Jesus Christ face to face (1 John 3:2).

Likewise, every believer lives with a fervent hope, a living hope and a blessed hope (Titus 2:13); because it is a good hope through grace (2 Thes. 2:16). Hope springs from faith in Christ (Heb. 11:1), for He is our hope (Col. 1:27; 1 Tim. 1:1). But the good hope we have in Christ, that too will one day come to an end in the certain expectation of the reality of that hope being predestinated to be just like the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29-30).

But the greatest of these gifts is love; the love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5) will never end. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Rom. 8:38). Our love for the Lord Jesus Christ had a beginning but it will never have an end. We only love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). When did the Lord start loving His own? From eternity in the covenant of grace (Jer. 31:3)! The Lord’s love for His church is a sacrificial love (Eph. 5:25; 1 John 4:10). He laid down His life for His church (John 13:1). Oh how precious is that love for us. May God grant us to be always thankful for this gift of His love unto us and may He cause it to grow in such a way as to glorify Him now and forever. One day soon every believer will sing forever; “*Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen* (Rev. 1:5-6) ~Tom Harding

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“The Bible was not given to teach me history, but to teach me grace; not to teach me worldly wisdom, but the wisdom of God! Therefore, salvation and the way to God is to be found in the Scriptures and in the Scriptures only. He who does not always preach and teach the Scriptures ought not to be called a minister of God.”

~C. H. Spurgeon

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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

## Something to ponder

Everything that happens is according to the permissive will of our Lord Jesus Christ, for His glory and for our good. Knowing this, we should **NEVER** allow the actions of others to offend us.

“ONLY before an almighty, sovereign Lord will a person sincerely bow down and worship; only by the will and work of an almighty, sovereign Lord can a person be assured of an eternal salvation; and only in the care of a loving, sovereign Father will a person find comfort in the trials of life. For the *least* things in our lives are ruled and ordered by our Lord as well as the *greatest*! Do you believe this? God’s reign and rule includes the simple and inconsiderable things. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the fowls of the air, not a sparrow falls without Him, and the very hairs of your head are numbered. Shall He not clothe, feed, and care for His children? I can rest and rejoice when One so great and mighty loves me and has determined that *‘all things shall work together for my eternal good’ (Romans 8:28).*” ~Henry Mahan

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## OUR GIFT GIVING AND GOD’S GIFT GIVING

As we give our gifts to one another over the next few days, remember that God’s gift of eternal life is like our gift giving in at least three ways. One, when we give a gift we give it to whomsoever we will. Likewise, God gives eternal life to whomsoever he will (Jn 17: 1-2; 9, 24). Two, when we give a gift we purchase it ourselves. Likewise, God sent his Son who paid the purchase price—his precious blood—to give his people eternal life in him. (Lev 17:11; Heb 9: 22; Acts 20: 28; Job 33: 24). Three, when we purchase a gift we give it to the one it is meant for. We don’t sit it on a shelf, hoping someone will claim it. We make sure the one for whom we bought it gets our gift. So does God (Jn 3: 5; Jn 6:53; Eph 2:8; Gal 4: 4-6). He even has to give us life and faith to receive it. Then through faith, God gives us the gift of eternal life in his dear Son. ~Clay Curtis

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## Philippians 3:8

“Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may gain Christ.”

**“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.”**

**--Isaiah 40:1—**

“A true minister of Jesus Christ not only preaches His Gospel with a sincere concern for His lost sheep; not only preaches His Gospel for the edification of His enlightened saints; but also preaches the Lord’s Gospel to **COMFORT HIS PEOPLE!** The self-righteous, unregenerate religionist **CANNOT** be comforted by the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. God’s truths grate against the already frayed ends of his spiritual nerves of enmity against God. Instead of bringing comfort to the ungodly, the Gospel of God’s Sovereign Grace infuriates them. But when our Sovereign Lord gives one of His lost sheep the gift of faith to receive Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth! Knowing that our Great, Majestic God chose a particular people in Christ before this world was created, and that He included us in that number who would be saved by His amazing grace, brings great comfort to the hearts of **HIS PEOPLE!** Knowing that Jesus Christ our Creator became a man to redeem **HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE** from all their sins, and that He, by Himself, took care of the sin-debt in full for us, brings great comfort to our believing hearts. Knowing that the ministry of God the Holy Spirit is to take the things of Christ and reveal them to **GOD’S CHOSEN, BLOOD-BOUGHT PEOPLE** brings great comfort to those who have received eternal life when we were dead in trespasses and sins. Those whose minds have been enlightened by the power of Jesus Christ our Lord not only delight in the pure, unadulterated Gospel of God’s sovereign grace, we are comforted by that same Gospel. We will not align ourselves with those who do not believe the truth! Rather, we will seek the fellowship of those who rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

**~Gene Harmon**

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### **Wonderful Metaphors**

O the wonder, the glory and beauty of God’s Word. It’s beyond our ability to fully understand and appreciate. But we marvel at what we do understand. God uses many things to describe His Word: everyday, ordinary, yet wonderful and necessary things. He likens His Word to things such as: Light, Bread, Milk, Honey, Meat, Fire, Water, Hammer, Sword, Plough, Seed, Rain, Dew, Treasure, Gold, Net, Mirror, a Kiss! All this and more is God’s Word for His people. **~Paul Mahan**

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**Psalm 27:13-14**

**"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thy heart; wait, I say, on the Lord."**

**JESUS CHRIST LOVES EVEN ME**

**John 13:23**

*Now there was leaning on Jesus’ bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.*

The apostle John in the gospel narrative that bears his name referred to himself often **as the disciple whom Jesus loved.** Do you think that it was an arrogant statement for him to refer to himself that way? I can assure you that it wasn’t. It wasn’t because the Lord loved him more than the other apostles. It wasn’t because he felt that he was more special than the others. The reason he referred to himself that way was the fact that he never got over Christ’s love for him. To John, his name was not worth mentioning. He had done nothing to earn, merit or deserve Christ’s love. It was almost as if He is saying, “I can’t believe that the Lord Jesus loves me.” John knew that Christ loved Peter, James, Matthew, Mark and all the others, but all that he could think about was that Christ loved Him. It is the same with me. It is easy for me to see how the Lord could love others. But me? How could He love me? There is no reason that my Lord would be mindful of me, or merciful to me, and yet He loves me. I am the one who deserves the least of His love, and yet He loves me. When a saved sinner, by the sovereign grace of God sees Christ’s love for them, they do not desire to talk about themselves. No, they simply consider themselves as one whom Jesus loves. They want to talk about nothing but Christ’s love for them! It was this same dear apostle who wrote in his first epistle these words, **“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”** (1 John 4:10) **“We love him, because he first loved us.”** (1 John 4:19) Yes, it is true Jesus loves even me.

**~David Eddmenson**

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### **A Good Hope**

“It is only when our Lord in grace and mercy takes away our imaginary strength that we truly look to Him and trust Him. This we do not learn in creeds and confessions of faith. This we are taught by Him in personal relationship in the experience of grace. I only find hope in Him when there is no hope anywhere else. It is easy to learn correct doctrine, but faith, hope, comfort, rest in Christ is a living experience. Justification, redemption, atonement, sanctification and glorification are not only doctrinal truths believed in the heart, they are truths experienced in the heart in regeneration. Our Lord is our life, and all that is in Him is ours. There is no hope in what I know, my only hope is in Him and what He has done. May God in mercy shut us up to Christ alone!” **~Tommy Robins**