

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 22, 2025

Song: **304** – *This is My Father's World*

Song: **233** – *Footprints of Jesus*

First prayer: **Chrishawn Thompson**

Song: **67** – *At Calvary*

Communion servers: **Mark Brandt & Shane Upton**

Prayer for giving: **Mernie Ray**

Song: **271** – *Faith is the Victory*

Sermon: *Christian Consistency (2 Cor. 1:12-24)* – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **430** – *God is Calling the Prodigal*

Closing song: **180** – *We're Marching to Zion*

Closing prayer: **Jeremy Thomas**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Elliott and Declan – traveling
- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood)—hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

Please continue to remember: Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- "Precept Upon Precept" is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF JUNE 15, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 8 AM Worship – 16 Sun PM – 7 DBR – 1 Wed (6/18) – 12

Contribution – \$1550

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Sunday Bible class: 9am *Worship* 10am & 12:30pm **Wednesday Bible class:** 7pm

Matthew 9:37-38 *"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."*

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GOD, MAN, AND SIN

Just as certain diseases may paralyze the physical body, so sin may cause weakness and/or paralysis of the conscience, of man's will to do good. The primary need of man is spiritual—the forgiveness of his sins and coming into fellowship with God. All needs of the physical body are secondary to this.

Sin Is Widespread

It would be difficult, if indeed not impossible, to overestimate the importance of forgiveness. This is the case because the Bible plainly teaches that each accountable person is guilty of sin (Romans 3:9-18, 23). Men living today are in basically the same kind of world as that described by Paul in Romans 1:18-32. Three times in that section Paul says, "God gave them up." One time he says, "God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves!" (Romans 1:24). Again, Paul says, "For this cause God gave them up unto vile passions" (Romans 1:26). And, finally, Paul said, "And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting" (Romans 1:28).

The Wages Of Sin Is Death (Romans 6:23)

This passage tells us that what we earn by a life of sin is death—eternal separation from God and everything that is good (Matthew 25:1-13, 14-30, 31-46). One receives eternal life only by a gift from God—salvation cannot be earned! But, if one passes through the door of death out into eternity with sin yet upon his soul, then he will have earned death. From the foregoing it is clear that sin has the power to destroy.

Sin Had The Power To Destroy Angels

“For if God spared not angels when they sinned but cast them down to hell and committed them to pits of darkness” (2 Peter 2:4; cf. Jude 6).

Sin Has The Power To Destroy Cities

“For if God . . . turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, having made them an example unto those that should live ungodly . . .” (2 Peter 2:6; cf. Genesis 19:24; Jude 4-6).

Sin Has The Power To Destroy Nations

“Now I desire to put you in remembrance, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not” (Jude 5; 1 Corinthians 10:5-10; Hebrews 3:16-19). Sin not only destroyed Israel, but it also destroyed such a mighty empire as Rome. It can destroy our great nation.

Sin Has The Power To Destroy The People Of The World

“For if God . . . spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly” (2 Peter 2:5; 3:6).

Sin Has The Power To Destroy Churches

To the church in Ephesus, the Lord wrote, “Remember therefore whence you are fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I will come to you, and will move your candlestick out of its place, except you repent” (Revelation 2:5; cf. 2:14-16, 20-23; 3:5).

Sin Has The Power To Destroy Individuals

To Saul, king of Israel, Samuel the prophet gave this message from God, “Though you were little in your own sight, were you not made the head of the tribes of Israel? And the Lord anointed you king over Israel?” (2 Samuel 15:17). Thus, Samuel reminded Saul of the humility which characterized Saul in his early life. But after Saul fell into sin, God (through Samuel) told him, “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of Jehovah, He has rejected you from being king” (1 Samuel 15:23). God rejects the man who rejects His word (Deuteronomy 11:26; 2 Chronicles 15:1-2). Sin has the power to destroy in hell (not annihilation, but in the sense of being separate from God) (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Mark 9:44-49; Rev. 20:10-15).

All Persons Are Born Free From Sin

However, after one reaches the age of accountability he falls into sin (Romans 3:23) and, as a result, is separated from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Then, in order to attain a right relationship with God, the lost person must be “born again”—that is, he must become a son [daughter] of God. Study carefully Galatians 3:26-27; 1 John 4:7; 5:1; 1 Peter 1:22-25.

In The Spiritual Birth, Life Is Given By The Spirit

Jesus said in John 6:63 “It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.” The spiritual birth occurs when one is baptized into Christ. After a person has heard the truth [the gospel, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4], believed it, repented of his sins, and confessed his faith in Christ, he is buried in baptism and is delivered into a new spiritual life. Paul stated, “Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him through baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection” (Romans 6:3-5). Thus, a Christian is resurrected to his new life when he is baptized. It must be remembered that men are not saved by water but by the blood of Christ (Hebrews 9:22; 10:4; Ephesians 1:7; Romans 5:8-9). But one is not saved by Christ’s blood until his faith in and love for the Lord leads him to obey the Lord in being baptized. This is the deliverance of the new birth. Paul elsewhere stated, “Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). After the deliverance of baptism, man becomes a new creature.

A Spiritual Life Requires A Spiritual Birth

Man, because of the sins committed in the flesh, cannot hope to save himself. Rather, he must have a spiritual birth made possible by the blood of Christ. He must be saved by the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 2:11).

No One Can Ultimately Defeat God

While the ideal will of God (that no one should ever sin) can be, and is, defeated by each one of us when we sin, and even though each one can defeat God’s circumstantial will (that in the circumstance of man’s having sinned, not a single one should be lost but that all should be saved through Christ), no man can defeat the ultimate will of God (to bless eternally every righteous person and to punish eternally every wicked person, Matthew 25:46).

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