

#### Welcome!

# The Lord's Day September 11, 2022

## 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:50 AM Church Family Announcements 11 AM Morning Worship

Organ Prelude BJ Lyle

Welcome & Prayer Pastor Paul

Praise Songs Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone Congregation
Our God Reigns

Scripture Reading 1 John 5:1-12 Pastor Paul

Ministry of Music America! Instrumental Ensemble

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Paul

Offertory Hymn#17 Our Great Savior Congregation Verses 1,2,4

#### **Offertory Scripture & Prayer**

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

Offering Ushers

**Doxology** Congregation

**Sermon: The Road to Heaven** 

Pastor Paul

**Scriptures:** Luke 12:4-7; Luke 16; John 7:13-14; Romans 3:9b-20; romans 5:6-8; romans 6:23; John 3:14-17; Romans 10:9-13; Colossians 2:13-15; Romans 8:1-3; Matthew 4:19, 16:24-26, 19:21; Revelation 3:2-3

The Bible is clear, there is a heaven and a hell. Heaven has been prepared and is a place of immeasurable blessing and the dwelling place of the righteous for all eternity. Hell, or the Lake of Fire has been prepared and is a place of immeasurable punishment and the prison of the unrighteous for all eternity. Jesus spoke of this reality himself.

All of humanity is on the road to punishment because of sin. The Road to heaven is not a highway, but a narrow road. That narrow road is Jesus. It is not following the 10 commandments. The Law of God only makes us conscious of sin.

Salvation from sin and eternal punishment is a gift from God through Jesus Christ.

To begin travelling on the road to heaven one must confess Jesus as Savior and Lord and Believe that God raised Him from the dead. (Romans 10:9-10) Let us not miss the fact that JESUS IS LORD. For a part of walking the road to heaven is following Jesus- repenting of our old sinful ways and living a new life! To come to Jesus for salvation involves a radical change to our lives not just in eternity, but in the here in now!

The call goes out to all to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior! The call also goes out to those who profess to believe in Him already to wake up! Get your life in order and serve the LORD today!

(The live Facebook Feed is ended at the conclusion of the sermon)

**Hymn of Invitation#480** 

**Only Trust Him** 

Congregation

### Total Surrender by Oswald Chambers.

Mark 10:28

Our Lord replies to this statement of Peter by saying that this surrender is "for My sake and the gospel's" (Mark 10:29). It was not for the purpose of what the disciples themselves would get out of it. Beware of surrender that is motivated by personal benefits that may result. For example, "I'm going to give myself to God because I want to be delivered from sin, because I want to be made holy." Being delivered from sin and being made holy are the result of being right with God, but surrender resulting from this kind of thinking is certainly not the true nature of Christianity. Our motive for surrender should not be *for* any personal gain at all. We have become so self-centered that we go to God only for something from Him, and not for God Himself. It is like saying, "No, Lord, I don't want you; I want myself. But I do want You to clean me and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I want to be on display in Your showcase so I can say, 'This is what God has done for me." Gaining heaven, being delivered from sin, and being made useful to God are things that should never even be a consideration in real surrender. Genuine total surrender is a personal sovereign preference for Jesus Christ Himself.

Where does Jesus Christ figure in when we have a concern about our natural relationships? Most of us will desert Him with this excuse— "Yes, Lord, I heard you call me, but my family needs me, and I have my own interests. I just can't go any further" (see <u>Luke 9:57-62</u>). "Then," Jesus says, "you 'cannot be My disciple" (see <u>Luke 14:26-33</u>).

True surrender will always go beyond natural devotion. If we will only give up, God will surrender Himself to embrace all those around us and will meet their needs, which were created by our surrender. Beware of stopping anywhere short of total surrender to God. Most of us have only a vision of what this really means but have never truly experienced it.

Total Surrender | My Utmost For His Highest



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