

Base Your Life on This

The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Test yourself. What is your mindset? Do you begin with God and his rights and goals? Or do you begin with yourself and your rights and wishes?

And when you look at the death of Christ, what happens? Does your joy really come from translating this awesome divine work into a boost for self-esteem? Or are you drawn up out of yourself and filled with wonder and reverence and worship that here in the death of Jesus is the deepest, clearest declaration of the infinite esteem of God for his glory and for his Son?

Here is a great objective foundation for the full assurance of hope: the forgiveness of sins is grounded, finally, not in my finite worth or work, but in the infinite worth of the righteousness of God — God's unswerving allegiance to uphold and vindicate the glory of his name. I appeal to you with all my heart, take your stand on this. Base your life on this. Ground your hope in this. You will be free from the futile mindset of the world. And you will never fall.

When God's exaltation of God in Christ is your joy, it can never fail.

-- John Piper



GRACE
REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

September 10, 2017

“I am the
RESURRECTION
& the LIFE”

JOHN 11:25

Events

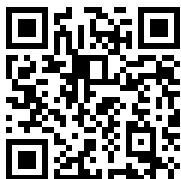
TODAY

College/Career Lunch
1 PM

Communion PM Service

9/17 Fellowship Picnic &
Celebration of
Pastor Stu
Johnston's 25
years at GRBC

Give



Upcoming
Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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de AM y PM

Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Michael Lopes
Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die,
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee; Let me hide myself in
Thee; Let me hide myself in Thee

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory

Matthew 23:1-12, page 828

**#704 Jesus Keep Me Near the
Cross**

Preparatory

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1. Let us love, and sing, and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.
3. Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the Conqueror's crown,
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.
4. Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.
5. Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice
Beautiful Savior

1. All my days I will sing this song of gladness, give my praise to the Fountain of
delights; For in my helplessness You heard my cry, and waves of mercy poured
down on my life.

**(Chorus) Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor. Clothed in majesty,
Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the Morning,
glorious in holiness, You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You
reign, You reign over all!**

2. I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer; I will sing of the blood that never
fails, Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without
end. **(Chorus)**

3. I long to be where the praise is never ending; Yearn to dwell where the glory
never fades, Where countless worshipers will share one song, and cries of
'Worthy' will honor the Lamb! **(Chorus)**

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Scripture Reading

Revelation 1, page 1028

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/Preparatory

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men

Oh, You rescue the souls of men

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way

Oh, we've hopelessly lost our way

(Chorus) You are the One that we praise

You are the One we adore

You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for

Oh, our hearts always hunger for

3. Almighty, infinite Father

Faithfully loving Your own

Here in our weakness You find us

Falling before Your throne

Oh, we're falling before Your throne

(Chorus 2x)

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Sermon

Nick Gaines

Communion

**Pastor Stu Johnston
Beneath the Cross of Jesus
#181 O Dearest Jesus
#175 Man of Sorrows**