

# Bethel Baptist Church

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## A Lighthouse In a Dark Place

*To the one God of heaven and earth, in the trinity of his sacred Persons, be all honor and glory; to the glorious Father as the covenant God, to the gracious Son, the Redeemer of his people; to the Holy Ghost, the author of sanctification; be everlasting praise for that gospel of the free grace of God.*

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**Sunday:** Bible Study 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

**Thursday:** Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.sermonaudio.com/bethgrace>

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I know we all miss getting together to worship our Lord; but this helps us identify with our brothers and sisters like Boat and Sallie, who can't be with us each week.

### Betrayed With a Kiss

Satan's workers rarely come with weapons of war, they usually come with a kiss. A kiss of flattery, a kiss of false love, etc. Satan's greatest work of evil is done in pulpits with a kiss of lies on God, Christ and man. This kiss is the kiss of death. *Luke 22:47-48 "And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?"*

Pastor

### Great Comfort

*Matthew 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."*

Here is great comfort for God's children. There is nothing that exist that is not under the power of our Lord. He rules all things. He governs all things. He makes all things work together for our good, *Romans 8:28*. There is absolutely nothing that happens in this world that is not for our good.

Pastor

*Joh 11:25-26 “Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”*

**He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:** believers in Christ die as well as others, though death is not a penal evil to them; its curse is removed, its sting is taken away, being satisfied for by Christ, and so becomes a blessing and privilege to them, and is desirable by them; but though they die, they shall live again; their dust is under the peculiar care of Christ; and they shall rise by virtue of union to him, and shall rise, first in the morning of the resurrection, and with peculiar privileges, or to the resurrection of life, and with the peculiar properties of incorruption, power, glory, and spirituality. So likewise such that have been dead in sin, and dead in law, under a sentence of condemnation, as all mankind are in Adam, and being in a natural and sinful estate, and as the chosen of God themselves are; yet being brought to believe in Christ, that is, to see the excellency and suitableness of him as a Saviour, and the necessity of salvation by him; to go out of themselves to him, disclaiming their own righteousness; venture their souls upon him, give up themselves to him, trust in him, and depend upon him for eternal life and salvation; these live spiritually; they appear to have a principle of life in them; they breathe after spiritual things; they see the Son of God, and behold his glory; they handle the word of life; they speak the language of Canaan, and walk by faith on Christ, as they have received him; they live a life of sanctification and justification; they are manifestly in Christ, and have him, an interest in him, and so must have life; they live comfortably; they live by faith on Christ, and his righteousness, and have communion with him here, and expect to have, and shall have eternal life hereafter.

John Gill

A distinguishing mark of the LORD's children is who and what they love. *John 13:35 “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”* Psalm 116:1 I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.

*Psalm 119:163 “ I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.”*

Pastor

*Psalm 1:1 “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”*

This can be fully said of no one among the fallen sons of men, with strictness of truth! and therefore we must of necessity suppose, that it treats of the Lord Jesus Christ. That his people, as his people, have an interest in the blessedness here spoken of is as true, because they are part of himself. But here, as in every other instance, this ariseth only from their union with him, and their interest in him. I detain the Reader to remark, what a gradation is made use of in the description of the blessed man. He doth not walk in the counsel of bad men; much less stand still in their way, and never sits down by choice in their company. Precious Jesus! who but must be immediately directed to contemplate thee in this description, for thou wast holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens!

Robert Hawker

"BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST"

II Timothy 2:1

Be strong inwardly and outwardly in the grace of our Lord. Be rooted and grounded in His gospel, have a full persuasion of the truth of it and your interest in Him! Preach it boldly and defend it bravely. But also be strong in His providence and dealings in grace with you and yours. Don't profess sovereign grace and then complain about sovereign providence. Pity parties make poor platforms for the preaching of sovereign grace. God's servants are here to "comfort," not to be comforted and coddled.

Henry Mahan