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### Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "Lord of the Sabbath" Matthew 12:1-8  
Sunday Evening: "What's Right with the Church?"

### Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Clint Smith Jr	Announcements	Joe Sweeney
Opening Prayer	Ethan Welch	Bible Reading	David Blackwell	Lord's Supper	Jerry Casey
Scripture	Hank Tincher	Selection	14	Offering	Rick Martin
Sermon	Eric Welch	Prayer	Clint Smith Sr	Usher	Ernie Marshall
Lord's Supper		Sermon	Eric Welch	Count Offering	Harold Tincher
Message	Eric Welch	Closing Prayer	Grover Blanton	Assist Count	Hank Tincher
Attendant	Jeremy Montgomery	<i>If you are unable to serve, please</i>		<b>Last Sunday</b>	
Attendant	Nathaniel Welch	<i>call Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>		Contribution	Attendance
Closing Prayer	Robby Stocksdale	<i>or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511</i>		\$	107

### God Hears and Answers

The folks in Jesus' day knew "that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him" (John 9:31). God will hear the prayers of the righteous. James tells us that the prayers of the righteous get results (James 5:16). How does God respond to our prayers? Sometimes God will say "Yes" to our requests as He did to Elijah (James 5:17). Elijah prayed that it would not rain, and God granted his request.

There are occasions when God says "No." Of course, if we are not doing His will, we should expect "No" for an answer to our prayers. Yet, even the righteous were sometimes told "No." We have the example of our Lord pleading with the Father to "let this cup [of suffering and death] pass away from me..." (Matthew 26:39). It was needful for the sake of mankind that God say "No" to His Son (Hebrews 5:7).

Then, there are times when God says "Wait a while." For example, Judah's leaders came to the prophet Jeremiah and asked him to pray for them. Jeremiah obliged, and 10 days later the response of Jehovah came to Jeremiah (Jeremiah 42:1-7).

Occasionally, God may give us something different than what we asked. The apostle Paul had a thorn in the flesh and asked God three times to take it away. God did not do as Paul asked. Rather, God told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee..." (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).

Sometimes God may give us more than we asked. He is certainly able (Ephesians 3:20). Remember when Solomon prayed for an understanding heart? God told him, "Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself a long life, neither hast thou asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern justice; behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, all thy days" (1 Kings 3:7-14).

Our God "is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath" (Joshua 2:11). He is Almighty God (Genesis 17:1). In God's hand is power and might (1 Chronicles 29:12). With Him "nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). God can and will hear and answer prayer.

With Paul, we need to trust that "my God shall supply every need..." (Philippians 4:19). Keep in mind that God knows "what things ye have need of, before ye ask him" (Matthew 6:8). In righteousness, convey your thanksgivings, your prayers and your supplications unto the Father above.

Paul Clements <http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2015/apr/page3.html#article2>

## No TULIP Here: Total Depravity

[Eric Welch](#)

The adult class on Sunday morning is studying from 1 John, which Irvin is teaching so well. At the end of 1 John 2, I commented how 1 John refutes Calvinism, which are summarized in the acrostic T-U-L-I-P. I will deal each one and refute them over the next few weeks.

“T” stands for Total Depravity. This doctrine teaches that the sin of Adam has passed down to all humanity by birth. Every baby ever born is totally depraved. This idea means that all babies are born sinful, as if they inherited Adam’s “spiritual genes.” The total depravity doctrine is the foundation for all the rest. This doctrine teaches that is completely unable to respond in faith to the gospel and turn to God to be saved. Therefore, they must be given faith as a gift and it is irresistible

It is true that when a person sins, he becomes depraved. He is dead spiritually (Ephesians 2:1, 5). It takes God to bring life. However, this depravity comes through decisions a person makes. According to 1 John 3:4 sin *is lawlessness*. Sin is not something that you are born with, but it is something that you do. It is an act of rebellion against God. Sinners are able and expected to respond to the gospel in faith and repentance; it is a decision that can and must be made (Matthew 23:37; John 3:16; Romans 1:17; Revelation 22:17).

In Colossians 2:12, faith is a requirement for regeneration. Regeneration simply means rebirth or salvation. *[H]aving been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.* “Raised up with Him” (v. 12) and “made alive together with him” (13) is rebirth. Faith is the means by which this rebirth is received—“raised...through faith.” Just as a person chooses to sin and, thereby, becomes spiritually dead, so also he chooses to believe because he has been moved by the power of the gospel.

The doctrine of Total Depravity is itself a totally depraved and dangerous teaching.

### Don't Give Up, Give Out or Give In

Most of you know that since brother Mack Lyon retired that brother Phil Sanders is the primary speaker on the Sunday morning presentation, “In Search of the Lord’s Way.” Although I didn’t hear all of his sermon that particular day, the title above came from a closing that Phil Sanders recently made on his Sunday morning TV lesson. I couldn’t help but think how simple but how profound that statement was. Let’s consider some of the ramifications of that advice.

When we think of “giving up,” let’s consider a long distance runner in a race in which he could receive a big reward. That reward might be monetary, such as a trophy or simply recognition as being the best in the race. Whatever the reward, that runner will do everything within his power to prove to himself and to those around that he can endure and finish that race. He won’t easily give up, even at the expense of perhaps suffering physical issues.

Consider that during the race the runner may develop severe pain in his extremities, or he may get too hot and exhausted. Perhaps he feels that he just can’t go on and feels he is too “given out” to continue in the race.

Again, even if a runner doesn’t win or place in the race, most athletes will continue in the race just for the satisfaction of proving to themselves and others that they can run the full course.

We’ve heard or witnessed runners “give in” at the end of the race by falling prostrate at the finish line. They were determined to finish the race—what an admirable trait! Because of the stress to his body that he is feeling, the runner may “give in” to the stress and strain. He may not be able to finish the race, and he must feel great defeat and possibly shame at not being able to finish what he started.

What about God’s children running the earthly race to please Him? When one hears and obeys the Gospel, there are many problems and changes to face. The world doesn’t easily accept those who become Christians because they like worldly things. They can put pressure on God’s people and present enticements to sin that are sometimes may seem just too much to resist. As Moses was leading the children of Israel to the Promised Land, we see the result of a nation of people who “gave up.” God told them “because all these men have seen My glory and miracles which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness... and have not hearkened to My voice, surely they shall not see the land which I promised to their fathers”(Numbers 14:22). The Israelites “gave up” on ever reaching the Promised Land, and as a result, only Joshua and Caleb received that blessing.

Those Israelite people “gave out.” They wanted to go to the Promised Land, but they wanted to arrive “now.” “All the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron and said, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt or... in the wilderness!” (Numbers 14:2). They wanted the blessing of a new land, but they didn’t want to wait for it because they gave out in their travels and the frustration of not being settled.

Sometimes God’s people; old and young alike, “give in” to the pleasure of sin. Moses was a great example of not “giving in” as we read in Hebrews 11:25. “Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.” Moses could have figuratively had the “world at his feet,” but in view of eternity, he chose the better part of serving God. That’s what faithful Christians will do, too.

Christians must not give up, give out or give in. The reward is just too great for not giving up, giving out or giving in. The faithful have this promise: “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31). The first thing that Christians must always do is “first give themselves to the Lord” (2 Corinthians 8:5), and when that is truly done, God will provide the strength for not giving up, giving out or giving in!

Royce Pendergrass <http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2015/apr/page10.html#article2>

### **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

- The dates for VBS this summer will be Monday, July 20 to Thursday, July 23; from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Helpers are needed for crafts, snacks, decorating, and advertising; sign-up sheets in the foyer.
- Please mark your calendars for our Spring Gospel Meeting scheduled for Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 & 11am. Justin Rogers from Henderson, TN will be the speaker.
- Attention Teens: Activities are scheduled for Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>; more information to follow.