

FIVE FUNDAMENTAL AFFIRMATIONS SOLUS CHRISTUS - (CHRIST ALONE) COLOSSIANS 1:9-22

EVER SINCE I HAVE BEEN A CHRISTIAN, AND EVEN CENTURIES BEFORE, I'VE NOTICED THAT, **THERE HAVE BEEN THESE SIMPLE SUMMARIES OF WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE.** THEY ARE CALLED CREEDS, AND THEY STARTED WITH THE APOSTLES CREED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED YEARS AFTER THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD. THEN CAME OTHER CREEDS, LIKE THE CREED OF CAESAREA, THE CREED OF CHALCEDON, THE CREED OF GREGORY OF NESTORIA, THE ATHENASIAN CREED, THE NICENE CREED, AND THEY KEPT ON COMING. I'VE HAD A BOOK OF ALL KINDS OF THEM.

SO, WE NOT TO BE OUTDONE. WE DO THE SAME THING. WE MAKE UP STATEMENTS, WHICH FUNCTION JUST LIKE CREEDS EVEN IN OUR DAYS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE EARLY SIXTIES, SOME DENOMINATIONS DECLARED THAT THEY BELIEVED THE "FOUR FOLD GOSPEL WHICH THEY SAID WAS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, HEALER, SANCTIFIER AND COMING KING. EARLIER ON,

HUNDREDS OF YEARS BEFORE, LUTHER AND OTHERS BANDED TOGETHER AND AGREED TO FIVE AFFIRMATIONS OF GENUINE BELIEF TO BE HELD AMONG ALL PEOPLE. THESE BELIEFS WOULD BE THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS THAT SPARKED THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION, AND THAT REFORMATION CAUGHT FIRE AND SPREAD ACROSS ALL EUROPE MAKING IT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN 1200 YEARS.

WHAT WAS IT THAT THEY TAUGHT TO THE WORSHIPER OF THAT TIME? IT WAS THESE AFFIRMATIONS . AND THESE AFFIRMATIONS WERE NOT MEANT TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE OF ALL THEOLOGY ISSUES. THEY JUST FOCUSED IN ON ONE ISSUE. IT IS THE PRIMARY ISSUE. WHICH WAS MEANT TO PINPOINT WHAT IS REALLY NECESSARY FOR A SOUL TO BE AT REST IN KNOWING FOR SURE THAT SOUL HAS SALVATION - NO EXTRAS, NO ADD ONS, NO OTHER BOOKS, OR BEADS OR ARTIFACTS, NOTHING, EXCEPT JUST WHAT IT TAKES TO BE SAVED FOR

CERTAIN.

THE FIVE AFFIRMATIONS WERE THESE: SOLA SCRIPTURA,, SOLA GRATIA ,SOLUS CHRISTUS SOLA FIDE AND SOLI DEO GLORIA. THESE ARE TRANSLATED "THE BIBLE ALONE,, GRACE ALONE, CHRIST ALONE, FAITH ALONE AND THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE.

WE BELIEVE THE FIVE FOLD AFFIRMATIONS. WE BELIEVE IN SALVATION - A KNOWABLE SALVATION. AND WE BELIEVE THEREFORE IN CHRIST ALONE AS OUR PERSONAL SAVIOR PROVIDING SALVATION. BUT WHEN WE SAY CHRIST ALONE, WHAT DO WE MEAN BY THIS? BECAUSE WE MUST BE CAREFUL HERE.

THERE IS A WHOLE DENOMINATION - THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL ASSOCIATION - THAT MEANS SOMETHING WE DON'T MEAN BY OUR STATEMENT THAT CHRIST ALONE IS THE SAVIOR. THEY MEAN CHRIST IS GOD BY HIMSELF ALONE

SO WHAT DO WE BELIEVE WHEN WE CRY "CHRIST ALONE?" DON'T WE BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY? YES WE DO. WE BELIEVE IN THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. THREE, YET ONE, THE TRI-UNE GOD

AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE SCRIPTURES ALONE MAKE THIS CLAIM. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ALONE IS THE ONE AND ONLY SAVIOR, AND HE ALONE CAN SAVE ANY PERSON IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

AND WE GLORY IN THE CROSS. LOOK AT THE WORDS WE USE TO DEFINE THE IMPACT OF THE CROSS THEOLOGICALLY. SUCH WORDS AS SUBSTITUTION, SACRIFICE, SATISFACTION, ATONEMENT, EXPIATION, PROPITIATION, PURCHASE, REDEMPTION, RANSOM MEDIATION, RECONCILIATION, ADOPTION, AND MANY MORE.

THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO THIS SUBJECT THAN WE CAN COVER. AND SO MANY MISTAKES HAVE BEEN MADE ALONG THE WAY.

HERE ARE SOME MISTAKES FOR EXAMPLE. ALONG CAME **DOCETICISM, THIS PARTICULAR GROUP BELIEVED THAT CHRIST'S HUMAN BODY WAS WHAT THEY CALLED A**

"PHANTASM" AND THAT HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS WAS JUST THE APPEARANCE OF DEATH - THAT IS THAT HE DID NOT REALLY DIE. ANOTHER GROUP CALLED **THE Gnostics**, BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE GOD, WHO WAS UTTERLY UNKNOWN, WHO CREATED EMANATIONS, WORLDS, ANGELS ARCHANGELS, VIRTUES, POWERS, AND THAT THE WORLD AND ALL THINGS THEREIN WAS MADE BY SEVEN ANGELS.

JESUS, ACCORDING TO THEM, WAS A MAN, AND CHRIST WAS AN IDEA THAT JESUS POSSESSED. IT WAS THE TRUE IDEA THAT SAVED, BUT JESUS DIDN'T. SOME OF THOSE DOGMATIC IDEAS AND EVEN OTHERS WERE EVEN AROUND WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS GOING ABOUT , TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN FOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

THEREFORE HE (PAUL) WROTE ABOUT THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS IS THE BOOK WHICH HE WROTE TO REFUTE THOSE FALSE IDEAS. HERE THROUGHOUT COLOSSIANS THE APOSTLE IS ATTACKING ALL THE HERESIES THAT WERE BEING BANDIED ABOUT IN THAT DAY. AND THE PASSAGE WE READ TODAY BEGINS ONE OF THE GREAT DETAILED DEFENSES OF SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE THRU CHRIST ALONE.

IN THE PASSAGES, - WE WILL CONSIDER THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS THE SOLE OBJECT OF OUR WORSHIP, WHO IS THE ONLY CREATOR AND THE BELIEVER'S EXAMPLE.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE SUBJECT IS SO VAST, WE CAN GET LOST AND MEANDER ABOUT HITTING EVERYTHING AND COVERING NOTHING. AT THE SAME TIME WE CAN HEAD IN ONE DIRECTION ONLY TO REALIZE WE HAVE GONE OFF THE CENTER. THEN GO IN ANOTHER DIRECTION

WITH THE SAME RESULT. IT IS REAL EASY TO GET OFF CENTER.

SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE FIVE AFFIRMATIONS THAT ARE CORE BELIEFS, WE ARE NOT JUST FLAPPING OUR GUMS. WE ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT THAT WHICH THE BIBLE TEACHES US, AND ABOUT ONLY THAT WHICH CAN SAVE US. THAT IS WHAT EVERYONE MUST KNOW, AND OBEY. AND - WHEN YOU ADD ANYTHING TO THAT, ANY BOOK, OR ANY EXTRA SUFFERING BY PEOPLE TO DO PENANCE FOR THEIR SINS, OR ANY PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD OR ANY THING AT ALL - THAT IS EXTRA AND IS NOT NECESSARY, BECAUSE WHEN YOU ADD ANYTHING EXTRA TO WHAT IT TAKES TO BE SAVED, THEN YOU HAVE DONE THE DEVIL'S WORK.

IF ANYONE BELIEVES ANYTHING THAT IS NEEDED TO ADD TO THE WORK OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SALVATION, THEY WILL NOT HAVE SALVATION AT ALL. THEY WILL HAVE BEEN DISQUALIFIED. ACTS 4:12 DECLARES "NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER, FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED."

SO REMEMBER THAT JESUS ONLY IS OUR END FOCUS, NOT EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE, OR EVERY KIND OF EXPERIENCE. SALVATION BY CHRIST ALONE IS THE FOCUS.

SO, MY MAIN POINTS TO THIS MESSAGE ARE 4 IN NUMBER. THEY ARE:

- I CHRIST ALONE IS QUALIFIED TO SAVE (COL 1:14-22)**
 - II. LEGALISM CAN'T SAVE US (2:10-15)**
 - III. ASCETICISM CAN'T SAVE US (2:18-22)**
 - IV . NOTHING ELSE IS OF VALUE IN SAVING US**
- SO LET'S GO NOW TO POINT 1.J

I CHRIST ALONE IS QUALIFIED TO SAVE US (COL 1:14-22)

PAUL WROTE THIS TO THE PEOPLE IN COLOSSE, HE WAS TELLING THEM ABOUT THE TRUE SALVATION DOCTRINE AS IT RELATES TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. SO FOLLOW DOWN THRU CHAPTER 1. PAUL MAKES SURE THAT THE COLOSSIANS KNOW THESE THINGS ABOUT JESUS ALONE.

A. ONLY HIS BLOOD COULD REDEEM US - THAT IS IN VERSE 14. " *IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD.* SO ASK THE QUESTION - WHAT OTHER BLOOD COULD POSSIBLY SAVE ANYONE? NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER SHED HIS BLOOD TO REDEEM ANYONE, AND EVEN IF THEY HAD, WE HAVE TO ASK, COULD THEIR BLOOD DO THE TRICK? TO ANSWER, NOTICE THIS (1) THIS SAVING BLOOD HAD TO BE INNOCENT BLOOD. FROM ONE WHO HAD NEVER SINNED - ONE THAT GOD WOULD ACCEPT AS A REDEMPTION PAYMENT. DOES ANYONE BUT JESUS FIT THAT BILL? ANSWER - NOT EVEN.

LET'S GO ON. AND SEE "*THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.*" NOTE THAT.

B. ONLY HIS SACRIFICE COULD FORGIVE US

THE LORD JESUS LAID DOWN HIS LIFE AS A SACRIFICE FOR SINS. THAT'S WHAT HEBREWS 9:26 SAYS. WE SHOULD READ THERE STARTING WITH VERSE 24: "*FOR CHRIST HAS NOT ENTERED THE HOLY PLACES MADE WITH HANDS, WHICH ARE COPIES OF THE TRUE, BUT INTO HEAVEN ITSELF, NOW TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US. NOT THAT HE SHOULD OFFER HIMSELF OFTEN, AS THE HIGH PRIEST ENTERS THE MOST HOLY PLACE EVERY YEAR WITH THE BLOOD OF ANOTHER. HE THEN WOULD HAVE HAD TO SUFFER OFTEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD; BUT NOW ONCE IN THE END OF THE AGES, HE HAS APPEARED TO PUT AWAY SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF.*" I THINK THAT IS CASE CLOSED. THEN PAUL ADDS THESE CRYPTIC WORDS:

C. ONLY HIS WORK AS GOD COULD DO THIS

I KNOW THIS TRUTH IS AMAZING. HERE IS THE STATEMENT THAT APPLIES DIRECTLY TO MOST OF THE CULTS. HERE JESUS IS, AS IT SAYS IN HEBREWS 1:3 *WHO BEING THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY, AND THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON, AND UPHOLDING ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER, WHEN HE HAD BY HIMSELF PURGED OUR SINS, SAT DOWN ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY ON HIGH:* PAUL SAYS HERE IN COLOSSIANS SIMPLY

1. *HE IS THE IMAGE OF GOD THE FATHER (CO 1:15,2:9)* AND IN 2:9 HE ADDS "*FOR IN HIM DWELLS ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY:* SO IN THE BIBLE, WE HEAR THE APOSTLE SAY IN DIFFERENT PLACES (AND THERE ARE MORE THAN THESE TWO) THAT THE GOD WHO CREATED EVERYTHING WAS THE GOD-MAN WHO SHED HIS OWN INNOCENT BLOOD TO REDEEMED US WITH THAT VERY BLOOD. ONLY ONE PERSON COULD HAVE DONE THOSE THING, AND THAT IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

2. HE CREATED EVERYTHING ON EARTH

AND AS WE GO THRU THE PASSAGE WE ARE LOOKING AT THE RANKINGS THAT EXIST FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE. IN THE RANKINGS OF HEAVEN THERE ARE HEAVENS, EARTH, VISIBLE, INVISIBLE, THRONES, DOMINIONS PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS. THAT'S ABOUT IT. AND PAUL RANKS THE SAVIOR FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF HEAVEN. AND ACCORDING TO HEAVEN

D. ONLY GOD THE SON, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST COULD DESERVE THIS

1. HE IS BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE

IN HIM ALL OTHER THINGS ARE EXISTING AND SUSTAINED 1:3 *-(HE UPHOLDING ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER)*

2. HE IS CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD (V 18)

TRY THAT MOHAMMED, OR MARY BAKER GLOVER PATTERSON EDDY, OR JOSEPH SMITH, OR BUDDAH (ANY BUDDAH) CHRIST ALONE CAME BACK FROM BEING CERTIFIABLY DEAD (I MEAN WHAT KIND OF EXECUTIONER SOLDIER WOULD IT TAKE TO PULL OFF THE THING ABOUT BEING A PHANTASM DEATH?) GOING ON;

- E. ONLY HIS SATISFACTION COULD PLEASE GOD THE FATHER
(COMMENT ON F, G)
- F. ONLY HIS SACRIFICE COULD RECONCILE US TO GOD AND
SATISFY GOD'S ANGER AND WRATH, AND OUR ALIENATION
AND STATION AS ENEMIES OF GOD
- G. ONLY HE COULD PRESENT US BLAMELESS BEFORE GOD THE
FATHER

II. LEGALISM CAN'T SAVE US (2:10-15)

A. WE ALREADY ARE MORE THAN LEGALISM CAN MAKE US.

1. PRECISELY THAT IS THE PROBLEM FOR LEGALISM.

LEGALISM TRIES TO PERSUADE THOSE WHO EMBRACE IT THAT THE ONLY WAY FOR SALVATION IS TO KEEP TO THE RULES OR THE FORMULAS. IT IS WHAT I CALL "DO RELIGION." WHERE AT SOME POINT YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING YOURSELF TO MAKE YOUR SALVATION. COMPLETE

BUT COLOSSIANS TELLS THE TRUTH. IN 2:8-10 *"BEWARE LEST ANY ONE CHEAT YOU THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND EMPTY DECEIT, ACCORDING TO THE TRADITIONS OF MEN, ACCORDING TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD, AND NOT ACCORDING TO CHRIST. FOR IN HIM (CHRIST) DWELLS ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY AND YOU ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHO IS THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER."*

AND THAT SETTLES IT. LOOK AT THE ANSWERS TO LEGALISM IN THIS PASSAGE.

1. WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM (2:10) - THAT MEANS NOTHING NEEDS TO BE ADDED
2. WE ARE CIRCUMCISED IN HIM (2:11) - THAT MEANS WE QUALIFY AS ADOPTED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD
3. HOPEFULLY WE'VE BEEN BAPTIZED IN WATER TO ILLUSTRATE OUR POSITION OF BAPTISM IN HIM BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
4. WE'RE ALREADY ALIVE AND FORGIVEN IN HIM
5. ALL CHARGES HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT AND NAILED TO HIS CROSS, IN HIM

B. CHRIST HAS DECLARED THAT NO MAN CAN JUDGE US

TRUTHFULLY, ALL HAS BEEN DONE BY THE ONLY SAVIOR, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. CHRIST ALONE SOLVES THE LEGALISTIC PROBLEM PUT FORWARD BY THOSE WHO WANT EVERYONE TO DO SOME WORKS FOR PART OF THEIR SALVATION. SO THAT IS - CASE CLOSED.

NOW WE COME TO THE NEXT PROBLEM. THIS ONE CARRIES A BIG WORD THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO DEFINE. THE WORD IS **ASCETICISM**.

TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS WORD TAKES SOME WORK. ASCETICISM REALLY DESCRIBES PEOPLE WHO TAKE MUCH PRIDE IN HUMBLING THEMSELVES. THEY THINK THAT IN SOME WAY, THIS WILL SAVE THEM FROM SIN. BUT:

III. ASCETICISM CAN'T SAVE US (2:18-22)

A. ASCETICISM IS SIMPLY KNOWN REALLY AS FALSE HUMILITY AND LISTEN TO WHAT PAUL HAS TO SAY ABOUT THAT. *"LET NO ONE CHEAT YOU OF YOUR REWARD, TAKING DELIGHT IN FALSE HUMILITY AND WORSHIP OF ANGELS, INTRUDING INTO THOSE THINGS WHICH HE HAS NOT SEEN, VAINLY PUFFED UP BY HIS FLESHLY MIND."*

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT FALSE HUMILITY IS OF NO VALUE BEFORE GOD. HOW DOES SOMEONE EXHIBIT FALSE HUMILITY? FOR EXAMPLE: FALSE HUMILITY IS

1. LIKE THAT WHICH WORSHIPS SAINTS OR ANGELS. SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT ONE GAINS FAVOR WITH GOD BY PRAYING TO THE SAINTS OR THE ANGELS. AND THEY SHOW THEIR HUMILITY FOR EXAMPLE IN THESE WAYS.
 2. LIKE THOSE WHO WEAR UNCOMFORTABLE CLOTHES AND MEDITATE AND TRY TO KNOW THE FUTURE, OR PEOPLE'S FORTUNES
 3. LIKE THOSE WHO RENOUNCE ELECTRICITY, OR SHOES, OR MARRIAGE AND SEX.

WHAT THEY DO NOT KNOW IS THAT WHEN THEY PRACTICE THEIR ASCETICISM, THEY ARE NOT HOLDING FAST TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO IS THE HEAD, THEY ARE NOT PART OF THE

BODY OF CHRIST, FROM WHOM ALL BY BODY IS NOURISHED AND KNIT TOGETHER.

4. NONE OF THESE PRACTICES CAN MAKE THE ONES WHO PRACTICE THEM KNOW FOR SURE THAT THEY ARE SAVED.

IN FACT THESE KIND OF PEOPLE NEVER EVER KNOW IF THEY ARE SAVED, AND, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SAVED, THEY CANNOT OBTAIN ASSURANCE, BECAUSE THEY AREN'T SAVED AT ALL..

B. ASCETICISM LOVES HUMAN RULES WHICH ALSO CANNOT SAVE ANYONE.

1. FOR EXAMPLE BEING A VEGAN

C. ASCETICISM LOVES DON'T RELIGION

1. DON'T DO THIS, DON'T TOUCH THAT

2. DON'T TASTE THIS, DON'T HANDLE THAT, DON'T EAT THESE THINGS.

AS A RESULT - THEY DON'T EVER GAIN SALVATION BECAUSE SALVATION CANNOT BE GAINED, IT IS A FREE GIFT THAT COMES BY GRACE THRU FAITH FROM CHRIST ALONE.

LAST POINT -

IV. NOTHING ELSE IS OF VALUE IN SAVING PEOPLE (2:20-23)

A. EVERYTHING ELSE CONCERNS THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD

1. THAT IS, RULES, PROHIBITIONS, AND EVERYTHING IMAGINABLE ONLY HAVE VALUE IN THIS WORLD.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE CHRISTIAN IS ONE WHO HAS DIED WITH CHRIST TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD. AND THOSE PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD CANNOT SAVE, OR ADD TO SALVATION

2. EVERYTHING ELSE IS SELF IMPOSED RELIGION (V23)

B. THOUGH THESE KINDS OF THINGS SEEM TO BE WISE, THE BIBLE SAYS THAT THEY ARE OF NO VALUE.

C. SALVATION COMES THROUGH CHRIST ALONE, IN THE BIBLE ALONE, BY GRACE ALONE, BY FAITH ALONE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE.

CONCLUSION

1. IF YOU KNOW FOR SURE YOU ARE TRULY SAVED, ONE OF

GOD'S CHILDREN, BY HAVING BEEN ENLIGHTENED, BORN, AND ARE ALIVE IN CHRIST, THEN THIS IS REASON TO REJOICE. THERE IS NOTHING, NOWHERE THAT CAN OR MUST BE ADDED IN ORDER FOR ANYONE'S SALVATION.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, SALVATION IS AVAILABLE. THE LORD OFFERS IT TO ANYONE. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST, YOU CAN BECOME SAVED. YOU CAN RECEIVE HIM. GOD'S WORD SAYS SO. SIMPLY ACT IN FAITH, CALL UPON HIS NAME, TURNING FROM YOUR SIN. FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED. IF YOU REALIZE THIS TRUTH, AND IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT CHRIST DIED, CHRIST AROSE FROM THE DEAD TRIUMPHING OVER THE SINS OF THE WORLD WHICH JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNOUNCED THAT JESUS WAS AND IS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. IF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT RIGHT NOW IS DEALING WITH YOU, TELLING YOU THAT THESE TRUTHS MEAN YOU CAN BELIEVE, THAN WHAT YOU MUST DO IS OBEY THE WORD OF GOD AND CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD TO SAVE YOU. ROMANS 10:13 STATES THIS EMPHATICALLY. **"FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.**

3. THE LARGE THEOLOGICAL NAME FOR WHAT WE PREACH HERE TODAY IS **SOLUS CHRISTUS. CHRIST ALONE CAN SAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SINNED BEFORE GOD - FROM THEIR SINS.** JUST BOW YOUR HEAD NOW WHILE THE CHURCH IS PRAYING, AND SEEK THE LORD JESUS IN REPENTANCE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE HELP TO GET ASSURANCE OF YOUR DECISION TODAY, JUST STEP OUT QUICKLY FROM YOUR PLACE AND COME FORWARD. SOMEONE WILL BE THERE AT THE FRONT TO TAKE THEIR BIBLE AND SHOW YOU WHAT WE HAVE JUST COVERED. THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY A PERSON COMES TO THE FRONT. PERHAPS BAPTISM IS A NEED IN YOUR LIFE. MAYBE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN AVOIDING, OR SOMETHING ELSE. YOU ALSO SHOULD COME, AND GET EVERYTHING SETTLED. THE SAVIOR DESERVES THAT FROM YOU. SO LET'S PRAY RIGHT NOW