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# REDEEMER WEEKLY

REDEEMER CHURCH OF PIKETON, OHIO

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## “A CRY FOR MERCY AND THE PROMISE OF GRACE”

PSALM 130



*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.*

*O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel*  
- Psalm 130

Psalm 130 draws us into the deep places of the soul, where the weight of sin is felt and the need for mercy becomes clear. The psalm begins with a cry, “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord” (Psalm 130:1), and quickly confronts us with a sobering truth, “If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?” (Psalm 130:3).

Yet this same psalm lifts our eyes to hope, declaring, “With you there is forgiveness” (Psalm 130:4) and calling us to wait upon the Lord, “and in his word I hope” (Psalm 130:5). It culminates in a confident promise, “with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption” (Psalm 130:7). In this sermon, we will follow this movement from the depths of repentance to the assurance of grace, and hear again the call to hope in the Lord who redeems His people from all their iniquities.

**SOVEREIGN GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE  
APRIL 11 AND 12<sup>TH</sup>!**

# THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD



TIM JAMES

***“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.”***

***- I Peter 1:2***

In our text Peter describes election in a particular way. He says we are “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.” This is one of those passages that produce what I like to call the “Aha” factor in the genetic makeup of the mind of the man-centered religion. When they read it, they say “Aha, there you have it, election is based on God’s foreknowledge of our accepting Him. He chose us because He looked down through history and saw that we would choose Him”!

Such blasphemous religious prattle makes God a common thief, taking credit for something that man did. Such blasphemy would make God’s choice dependent upon our choice and would fly in the face of divine revelation. This passage teaches us that election is a matter of God’s pure, free, sovereign, eternal grace in Christ. In the Word of God, God’s foreknowledge is not foreknowledge of things, but of people. The Scriptures never speak of what God foreknew, but whom He foreknew. Make no mistake here. Do not confuse God’s foreknowledge with His omniscience. Omniscience is a divine attribute. Foreknowledge is a sovereign act.

In Holy In Holy Scripture, God’s foreknowledge is declared in four ways.

1. God’s foreknowledge is His act and decree of Foreordination. There is no need to speculate here. Since scripture is the interpreter of scripture, in this same context the very same Greek word which is translated foreknowledge in verse two is translated foreordained in verse twenty (1st Peter 1:20).
2. God’s foreknowledge of His elect is His everlasting love for us in Christ (Jeremiah 31:3; John 17:23-24).
3. Divine foreknowledge is divine approval. “For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.” (Psalm 1:6) “To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.” (Ephesians 1:6)
4. God’s foreknowledge of us is our absolute safety and security in Christ. “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” (1st Timothy 2:19)  
The elect love the electing foreknowledge of God.

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## Announcements (DV)



### Blessing Box Food Drive

Bring non-perishable food items each Sunday to help stock our Free Store Blessing Box and serve families in need in our community.

### Spring Bible Conference & Fellowship Dinner

Sat-Sun, April 11-12, 2026

Join us for our Spring Bible Conference with preaching from Pastor Jason Boothe. Invite family and friends. On Sunday, please bring a covered dish and stay for lunch after the service. The church will provide the main course.



### Visit the Church Website

Go to [RedeemerPiketon.org](http://RedeemerPiketon.org) for sermons, Bible study resources, teaching videos, and gospel-centered articles. New content is added regularly. Share it with others as a trusted source for biblical encouragement and teaching.

## The Church at Worship Sunday March 22, 2025 11:30 AM



### Announcements

#### Call to Worship

#### Pastoral Prayer

#Hymn 598 "He Will Hold Me Fast"

#### Psalm Reading

# Hymn 699 "Nearer, My God to Thee"

#### Sermon

#Hymn 406 "Softly and Tenderly"

#### Closing Prayer

Keith Boothe

Greg Flannery

Jason Boothe

Keith Boothe

## THE ONENESS OF ALL BELIEVERS

HENRY MAHAN

*"That they all may be one: as Thou, Father, are in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us" - John 17:21*

I know that there is a oneness between the Father and the Son in nature, essence, power, and purpose which transcends any kind of union among men. But our Lord prays that "all believers may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee." So here on this earth, WE ARE ONE IN FAITH. We all believe Christ, receive Christ, and agree in the main point of the gospel--salvation only in, by, and through our Lord Jesus.

WE ARE ONE IN AFFECTION. He is our first love; but, by His grace, we do love one another and are forever knit together in that love. WE HAVE ONE COMMON GOAL--the glory of our blessed Lord. In works of faith and labors of love, in trials or in prosperity, in giving or receiving our song is the same, "To God be the glory."

WE HAVE THE SAME CARE ONE FOR ANOTHER (I Cor. 12:26), "and when one member of His body suffers, all the members of the body suffer with it; or if one member of His body be honored (fulfilled and happy), all the members rejoice with it."

AND BY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES!



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# FROM THE DEEP TO GOD'S LOVE

## PSALM 130



Have you ever felt really, really sad because you did something wrong?

Maybe you said something unkind. Maybe you disobeyed your parents. And afterward, you felt that heavy feeling inside. Like something was not right.

The Bible talks about that feeling in Psalm 130. It says, “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.” The “depths” are like a deep, dark place in your heart where you feel the weight of sin. But here is the good news.

When the person in the psalm felt that way, he did not run away from God. He cried out to God. He asked God for mercy. And God heard him.

The psalm also says, “With you there is forgiveness.” That means God forgives sin. He does not turn away those who come to Him and ask for help. In fact, Jesus draws His people to Himself in the preaching of the Good News of what He accomplished for them on the cross!

How can God forgive us?  
Because of Jesus.

Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins of His people. He took the punishment we deserve so that we could be forgiven. That means when you go to God and say, “I am sorry,” and trust in Jesus, God really does forgive you.

The psalm also says, “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.” Sometimes we have to wait and trust God. But we can be sure He keeps His promises. And here is the best part.

“With the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.” That means God’s love is strong and never runs out. He can save anyone who comes to Him.

So when you feel that heavy feeling because of sin, remember this:  
You can talk to God.  
God hears you.  
God forgives through Jesus.  
And God loves you with a strong and steady love.  
That is wonderful news.

Let’s pray:

Dear God, thank You that when we sin, we can come to You. Thank You for forgiving us through Jesus. Help us to trust You and love You more each day. Amen.

# Hope in the Lord - Psalm 130



With the Lord  
there is forgiveness.

Psalm 130:4

“Out of the depths  
I cry to you, O Lord.”

Psalm 130:1

I wait for  
the Lord  
Psalm 130:5,

**Hope in the Lord**

— Psalm 130:7 —

Trace and Color:

God hears me when I pray

Who can you talk to when you feel sad or sorry? \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE 5





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# *Sovereign Grace Bible Conference*

*Saturday 7PM and Sunday 10:30 AM  
April 11-12, 2026*



Join us for a weekend of Gospel preaching and teaching at the Sovereign Grace Bible Conference, presented by the congregation of Redeemer Church of Piketon, Ohio.

**Pastor Jason Boothe** will deliver the conference sermons this year!



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