

“I Am Joe’s Soul”

You may have heard of “average Joe,” a pseudonym for ordinary people throughout the world. In the following paragraphs, Hugh F. Pyle wrote from the perspective of Joe’s soul:

“I am the one part of Joe’s being that no one can put his finger on! Years ago some New England doctors determined to find out if, indeed, Joe had a soul. A number of dying people were weighed just before and after death. In each case the scales dropped one-half ounce when the soul left the body. But as light as I am, I am not to be taken lightly. I came not up from the dust, nor out from the jungle, but down from God. Joe needs to remember that the first ‘man became a living soul’ when God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (Genesis 2:7).

“Jesus Christ, the divine Saviour, considered me so important that He asked, ‘What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?’ (Mark 8:36). I was given to Joe, then, to live with Him forever . . .

“As Joe reads his Bible he will learn the following things about me: The greatest commandment is to love God with all of his soul (Matthew 22:38).

Joe was put here to serve the Lord with all his soul (Deuteronomy 10:13). There are ‘fleshly lusts’ in this world which ‘war against the soul’ (1 Peter 2:11).

Sin unforgiven could destroy me in hell forever! (Matthew 10:28).

As Joe grows older his soul draws ‘near unto the grave’ (Job 33:22), and the ‘wise man prepares for the inevitable,’ to quote another. He can learn from the sweet singer of Israel that his soul can be delivered from death (Psalm 116:8) even though the body dies, and in the New Testament he can locate an anchor for his soul (Hebrews 6:19) in the safe harbor of Heaven.

“The good news of the gospel is that I need not be lost from Joe throughout all eternity because ‘God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son’ (John 3:16) to die in Joe’s place and thus take away his sins . . . Oh, that he would trust Christ and bring me into everlasting life today!”

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 56 To God Be the Glory

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 415 We Are Called to be God's People

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sounds of Hope

Sermon: "A Little Like Daniel"

Pastor Don Mauldin

Scripture: Daniel 3:15-18

Daniel 6:10-23

Hymn of Benediction

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Covenant News

Our ministry for October is SWAG. The Southwest Advocacy Group is a grassroots non-profit organization. In short, SWAG's goal is to improve the well-being of residents in SW Gainesville. Specifically, they provide support and resources for a self-reliant, resilient, and successful life.

October has 5 Sundays so we are collecting for Pine Grove and Newberry High School



Save the Dates

Thanksgiving Dinner November 19th

Sentence Sermons

*The cloud that darkens the present hour may
brighten all your future days.*

*Kindness does to human beings what heat does to
wax.*

*The trouble with being a good sport is that you
have to lose to prove it.*