September 23, 2018

Sundays 9:00 am                                                                            WKYT     Channel 27-2

***It is requested that all children under the age of five stay in our nursery***

***so there will be no distractions during the preaching of the Gospel***

HYMN OF THE DAY

Glory to God on high!

Let earth and skies reply

Praise ye His Name

His love and grace adore

Who all our sorrows bore

Singing evermore, Worthy the Lamb!

Jesus, our Lord and God

Bore sin’s tremendous load

Praise ye His Name!

In Him we will rejoice

And make a joyful noise

Singing with heart and voice, Worthy the Lamb!

Then let the host above

In realms of endless love

Praise His dear Name

To Him ascribed be

Honor and Majesty

Through all eternity – Worthy the Lamb!

(Tune: “Come Thou Almighty King” p. 6)

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            I am on vacation this week.  Aaron Greenleaf will bring both messages today and Fred Evans will preach on Wednesday night.

            Bring a dish and plan to stay for our church dinner next Sunday, September 30th.  There will be**no evening service Sunday the 30th.**

Birthdays

23rd– Holly Hardin          23rd– Christian Warta         25th– Annie Martin

25th– Darrell Williams    26th– Amanda Mohr        27th– Gavin Gillispie

27th– Ryleigh DuFour     28th– John Parker              28th– Ben Walmsley

            *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”                                    - Proverbs 1:7*

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*“He delighteth in mercy” – Micah 7:18*

            What a God!  He delights in, takes pleasure in mercy. There has never been a sinner who asked for mercy that He turned down!  Few see their need of mercy.  A candidate for mercy is guilty, with no excuses, no rights to mercy, and nothing to pay for mercy. His only hope is that God will bend down and have mercy simply because He willed to do it for Christ’s sake.  That person shall have mercy because God delights in mercy. Someone whose sin is not really their fault and believes God owes them mercy does not need mercy.  What he needs is justice.  And that is what he will get.  But there has never been a sinner who asked for mercy that He turned away, because praise His Name, *“He delighteth in mercy.”*

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BELIEVING WITH THE HEART

*“With the heart man believeth unto righteousness.” – Romans 10:10*

That means, with the whole man! ….Our understanding, our affection, and our will.  I understand that Christ is the only way to the Father.  I am not seeking to come “some other way.”  Not only do I understand this, I love Christ being the only way to the Father.  I do not merely have a cognitive understanding of Christ being the only Way, I love Christ being my only ground of acceptance.  Thus, not only do I understand what I believe, I love what, or rather *Who*I believe. The understanding and affections are not all that is involve in believing with the heart.  The will is also involved.  If I were given a choice of some other way of salvation, I would reject it.  The way of sovereign grace is the way my renewed will prefers. The understanding, affection, and will are all involved in saving faith.  Truly, *“With the heart man believeth unto righteousness.”*

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DISCERNING TRUE DOCTRINE

            How may we know that any doctrine is the true grace of God? I answer:

- If it humbles the creature and excludes all boasting.

- If it provides for the honor of God’s holy law and justice.

- If it is a solid and sure ground of strong consolation to the believer.

- If it is a doctrine according to holiness.                     *– John Brine, 1750*

            We have all heard of putting the cart before the horse.  That summarizes man’s religion.  It inverts the divine order. It makes forgiveness the end rather than the beginning of salvation.  Man’s religion says you must believe before you can have life, rather than you believe because you live.  It says God will if you will, rather than God will and you shall. It makes man the deciding factor rather than God.  Anything that has man as the deciding factor is doomed for failure.  Thank God, *“Salvation is of the Lord.”*

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            *“His commandments are not grievous.”*It is more profitable and enjoyable to love than to hate, to forgive than to hold a grudge, to smile than to quarrel, to behave kindly than to act ugly.  The way of the transgressor is hard, not the way of the believer. The life of faith and love is a good life.                                                              *- Henry Mahan*

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If ever it could come to pass

That sheep of Christ might fall away,

My fickle, feeble soul, alas!

Would fall a thousand times a day;

I on Thy promises depend,

That Thou will love me to the end.

                                                                        *- Joseph Hart*

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SOME THINGS NOT WORTH IT

            There are many ways to waste precious time other than by evil living.

            There are…books nor worth reading…television not worth watching…thoughts not worth thinking…places not worth going…games not worth playing…buildings not worth building…wars not worth fighting…victories not worth winning…friends not worth making…songs not worth singing…appointments not worth keeping…pain not worth causing …enemies not worth hating…prayers not worth praying…sermons not worth preaching…lessons not worth learning.  Thank God for eternity!                               *- Scott Richardson*