September 30, 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

Begin, my tongue, some heav’nly theme

And speak some boundless thing

The mighty works and mightier Name

Of our eternal King.

Tell of His wondrous faithfulness

And sound His Name abroad

Sing the sweet promise of His grace

And our Redeeming Lord.

Proclaim salvation from the Lord

For sinful, dying men

His hand has writ the Holy Word

With an immortal pen.

Oh might I hear Thy heav’nly tongue

But whisper, “Thou art mine!”

Those precious words would raise my song

To notes almost divine!

(Tune: “O For a Thousand Tongues” p. 46)

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            Everyone is invited to stay for lunch after the service this morning. There will be no service this evening.

The College Grove Grace Church Bible Conference is October 19-21.

Birthdays

30th– Garrett Gillispie               3rd– Paul Harries               4th– Ian Anjos

   4th– Alex DuFour                                  4th– Emma Ferrell

5th– Susan Sligh           6th– Anthony Gonzalez

*“Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.”                                         - Proverbs 17:1*

            The cross is the way God saves sinners by the substitutionary work of Christ.  There is nothing more glorious than the cross of Christ. Every attribute of God is clearly displayed in the cross.  The cross is the whole counsel of God, the reason for the creation of the universe, the only way a sinner can be saved, and the only thing we can have confidence in. Is it any wonder Paul said, *“God forbid that I should glory….save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”*

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            It is never a good thing to sin.  But it is always a good thing to be a sinner, because *“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”*It is only as a sinner that I can believe He came to save me.

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            It is good that recorded sermons are available.  But there is a tendency for folks to ignore the assembly using the argument, “I can listen from my own home.”  But, I recently heard an old quote (from way back in the “tape” days) that I think makes the point: Just listening to a tape of a sermon is like kissing your wife over the telephone.  It loses something in the translation!  *“Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is!”                                          - Joe Terrell*

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LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

*“A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”                                                                  - Proverbs 17:17*

            The Lord Jesus Christ is the *“Friend of sinners”*, Who loved His own before the world began, loved them while they were yet sinners and loves them to the end.  Christ is the Son of God and the firstborn among many brethren. He is the Elder Brother Who was born for adversity; born to bear the sin of God’s people.  He is that Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.  He will never forsake His friends and brothers.  May we be the same friend and brother to our brethren, loving them in the depth of their sins, loving them fervently, loving them when they need it most, loving them when they are experiencing great adversity and trouble. Let us love at all times, for we were born again for these times.

*– Paul Mahan*

I Am the Chief of Sinners

*“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”*

*- I Timothy 1:15*

            When the prodigal came home, he did not hang up his old rags as trophies, as some do when they give their testimonies, bragging about how sinful they used to be.  I am sure the old rags of his former shame were burned and forgotten and his attention given to the beautiful robe furnished by his father.  I am sorry to say that some insist on making a glory out of their shame and like to talk of their past sinful ways, usually without a blush on their cheeks or a tear in their eyes. As Spurgeon once said, “In some circles he is treated as a hero who can prove that he has been the greatest rascal.”

            Our former sins are things to be confessed to God in secret, not displayed in public as an old soldier shows his medals.  We do not glorify God in this regard, but only serve to feed the lust of the fleshly-minded. *“I am the chief of sinners”*is sufficient public acknowledgement of our past and present sins for, even then, how little do we know just how true that is!                                  *- Henry Mahan*

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BELIEVER

            Most of the time I do not feel like the disgusting, putrid, vile, wretched man that I am…but I am not a feeler, I am a believer. And I believe what God’s Word says about me, that in my flesh, I am a vain, worthless worm.  So every day, whether I feel it or not, I need to pray for salvation from my sin, because God’s Word describes me like this, that *“The thoughts of his*heart*are only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5)*…from birth to death, I am a non-stop sinner…I do not feel it, but I believe it, for God cannot lie and what He says about me is how things really are.

            But there is good news concerning this sinful predicament I am in, for His Word also says *“That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (I Tim. 1:15).* Christ did what He came to do, He cannot fail, for He is God. Therefore, I am a sinner that He has saved.  I may not feel it, but I sure do believe it, for I am a believer.            *– Brian DuFour*

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            Faith is trusting Christ. It is the end of mystery and the beginning of simplicity; the giving up of all those idle feelings and believings that aught else can save the soul, and the reception of that one master thought, that Christ Jesus is exalted on high to be a Prince and a Savior, to give repentance and remission of sins.                             *- C. H. Spurgeon*