December 9, 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

Thy works, not mine, O Christ

Speak gladness to this heart

They tell me all the work is done

They bid my fear depart.

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ

Has borne the awful load

Of sins that no one else could bear

But our incarnate God.

Thy death, not mine, O Christ

Has paid the ransom due

Ten thousand, thousand deaths like mine

Would have been all too few.

Thy righteousness, O Christ

Alone can cover me

No righteousness can satisfy

Save that which is of Thee!

(Tune: “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” p.188)

We extend our sincere sympathy to the James family on the death of Bill James, the brother of Tim James and Ann Schuyler.

Andy and Megan Davis will host a gathering at their home for the adults this Friday, December 14thfrom 7-9pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert.

Birthdays

9th– Chuck Mohr 9th– Ben Small

12th– Lisa Gillispie 14th– Christie Small

“The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.” - Proverbs 10:7

DISCERNMENT

“And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all judgment.” - Philippians 1:9

The word judgment in this verse is used only here in the New Testament. It means discernment. Paul does not pray that our knowledge and discernment will abound. He prays that our love to the person of Christ will abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment. The more I love Christ, the more I will know of Him. He said, “Learn of Me.” The more I love Him the more clearly I will recognize that which is not of Him and that which is contrary to Him. Discernment is born of love to His Person. Love to His Person hates that which is contrary to Him and loves that which glorifies Him! A supposed knowledge and judgment we have that is not born of a love to His Person is useless knowledge and discernment. May the Lord grant us more love to the Lord Jesus Christ!

“This is a faithful(true)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

There is a lifetime of preaching in this verse but there are two points of great importance which are sometimes overlooked: the truth of the saying and the worth of it! To discover the Truth of the Gospel is to find true peace of mind and to discover the worth of the Gospel is to find true peace of heart.

1. The truth of it. “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son” (I John 5:11). I believe the record that God hath given concerning Christ; therefore, I am not troubled and confused by other voices or other claims. Let God be true and every man a liar. The apostle summed it up this way, “To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). My mind is satisfied!

2. The worth of it. If I have Christ, I need nothing else, either in this life or in the life to come. I am complete in Him, redeemed in Him, accepted in Him, and already seated with Him in glory. I have ceased from all my labors and efforts to secure divine favor. His redemptive work is not only effectual but is sufficient for the greatest sinner, the poorest sinner and the weakest sinner. “My grace is sufficient for thee”(II Cor. 12:9). Does this not leave your heart in a state of rest and peace? If not, then you have not yet discovered the worth of His great atonement.

- Henry Mahan

A LOVING HUSBAND

It is easy to submit to someone who loves us sacrificially. For a man to insist that his wife submit to his authority without earning her respect by putting her needs before his own, can only cause resentment. The Lord proved His love for His wife by giving Himself for her. He always speaks kindly to her. He is always tender and patient with her. He reminds her constantly how precious she is to Him. She in return, delights in submission to His loving authority. “Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it” (Ephesians 5:22-33). - Greg Elmquist

Christ is more than a Saviour; He is salvation itself! David said, “The Lord is my light and my salvation.” It is well to see salvation in the work, life, and death of Christ; but we must never forget that the essence of salvation lies in His Person. HE HIMSELF IS SALVATION! It is WHO He is which gives virtue to WHAT He does. We are bidden to come, not to His work, but to HIMSELF. The Gospel loses much of its sweetness when the Person of Christ is put in the background and honor given only to His work. – C. H. Spurgeon

In the new birth there is nothing changed in the flesh…it is still sinful flesh. But in that same new birth, there is an imparted new man born from heaven that is holy and does not sin. – Marvin Stalnaker

The Holy Scriptures DO NOT teach that God loves everybody in the world. However, God’s Word DOES teach that He loves everybody that loves, believes, and trust wholly in His Son. – David Eddmenson

What is a preacher? A preacher is a nobody, who tells everybody, about Somebody, who can save anybody. – Scott Richardson