December 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

Wherewith shall we approach the Lord

And bow before His throne

By trusting in His faithful Word

And pleading Christ alone – And pleading Christ alone!

Thy blood, the righteousness, and love

Of Jesus Christ we plead

He lives within the veil above

For us to intercede – For us to intercede!

Sure ground and sure foundation, too

We find in His dear Name

Herein we every blessing view

And every favor claim – And every favor claim!

Then let His Name forever be

To us supremely dear

Our only all-sufficient plea

For all our hope is there – For all our hope is there!

(Tune: “Majestic Sweetness” p.52)

There will be no evening services tonight, Wednesday, Dec. 26thand Sunday Dec. 30th.  We will have a New Year’s Eve service on Monday, Dec. 31stat 7:00pm and observe the Lord’s Table.  After the New Year’s Eve service, Paul and Kelly Harries have invited everyone to their home.  You may bring a dish to share (please no nuts of any kind in foods).

Birthdays

23rd– Rick Kelly               25th– Paul Daniel               26th– Jake Murphy

26th– Paul Walmsley        29th– Alan Kincer              29th– Amanda Frye

*“A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.”  - Proverbs 14:16*

We place no religious significance to what is known as Christmas day, the supposed day of the Lord’s birth.  However, I do love that there was a day the Son that was given became the child that was born.  We love His incarnation, and I am thankful that men are made to think about the great Truth that the Lord Jesus Christ came in the flesh!  I am thankful for the warmth between men that comes at this time. I am thankful to see families enjoy one another.  While I realize also that Christmas can be a sad and lonely time for some, I wish all a very Merry Christmas! May you all enjoy the time spent with family and loved ones.

THE GREAT THINGS THE LORD HATH DONE

*“Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord has done for thee.”                                                      - Mark 5:19*

These were the words of the Lord to the man who had been processed by a legion of demons.  The Lord had cast them out, and now the man wanted to go with the Lord as He was leaving. But the Lord told him to go back to his friends and give them the Gospel message: The great things He has done. Most of what goes under the name of preaching is the great things He will do if…….  That does my soul no good because I know where that will go.  In reality, that is a message of salvation by works. Christ will do this if you do something that will obligate Him to respond. The message of the Gospel is what He has done!  He did not say, “It will be finished if….”  but “It is finished!”  No if’s, nothing I need to do to complete it.  Every aspect of salvation, from pre-destination to glorification has been done *(Romans 8:31-35).*  A sinner can rest in what the Lord has done!

Spurgeon once said, “I don’t know which renders the greater service – the man who preaches or the man who prays, but I know this, we can do better without the voice than without the heart of prayer!”

Blessed and happy is that assembly of redeemed people, brought together and baptized into one body by His Spirit, whose love for the Lord Jesus and for one another enables them to sing with one voice, pray with one heart, walk in one direction, and worship with one Spirit!  Where each member realizes the importance of his presence, his prayers, his support, and his co-operation.  Where Christ is Lord and all others are servants!  Where the will of Christ is preeminent and all other wills and desires are in subjection!  Where there are no young and old, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, but only Christ, who is All and in All.

*- Henry Mahan*

SOMEONE IS LYING!

Who is spreading lies across America and throughout the world?  Who is it that is telling around that the Lord Jesus Christ ransomed some who are not ransomed?  Redeemed some who are not actually redeemed?  Atoned for the sins of some whose sins are not covered?  Purged the sins of some whose sins have not been purged? Became a Substitute for some who must yet answer unto God for themselves?  Died for the sins of some who must yet die for their own sins? And prays for some who shall never benefit from His prayers?

Who dares to utter such blasphemy against the living God? Who would so impugn and malign God in His wisdom and purpose, holiness and justice, love, power, and grace? Who would be so irreverent and impudent as to speak, or even believe such things?

Who?  The vast majority of preachers throughout the world – most of our religious neighbors and those who preach to them!  Pity them but do not excuse them…they ought to be ashamed of themselves!  To say that Christ suffered and died for those who had already been in Hell 4.000 years when He died, or to say that His soul was made an offering for sin for those whom God knew – being omniscient – would never believe the Gospel when they heard it, or that God ever purposed anything that He shall not bring to pass, is a confession of one’s ignorance of the God of the Bible.                 *- Maurice Montgomery*

A man’s free will cannot cure him even of the toothache, or of a sore finger, and yet he madly thinks it is in its power to cure his soul.  The greatest judgment which God Himself can, in the present life, inflict upon a man is, to leave him in the hand of his own boasted free will.

Could my tears forever flow

Could my zeal no languor know

These for sin could not atone

Thou must save and Thou alone

In my hands no price I bring

Simply to Thy cross I cling.

*- Augustus M. Toplady 1740-1778*

*Author of the hymn “Rock of Ages”*

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 the good life.                                                        *- Henry Mahan*