February 17, 2019

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

I once was a stranger to grace and to God

I knew not my danger and felt not my load

Though friends spoke in rapture of Christ on the tree

Jehovah Tsidkenu meant nothing to me.

When free grace awoke me by light from on high

Then legal fears shook me, I trembled to die

No refuge, no safety in self could I see

Jehovah Tsidkenu my Savior must be.

My terrors all vanished before His sweet Name,

My guilty fears banished, with boldness I came

To drink at the fountain, life-giving and free

Jehovah Tsidkenu is all things to me.

(Tune: How Firm A Foundation p. 268)

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Our Bible Conference is March 8-10.  There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.  Give toward these extra expenses as you are enabled.

SCHEDULE

Friday March 8th       7:00pm  Donnie Bell & Dave Eddmenson

Saturday March 9th  10:00am Chris Cunningham  & John Chapman

Saturday March 9th    6:00pm Greg Elmquist & Don Fortner

Sunday March 10th  10:00am  Clay Curtis & Joe Terrell

(Please note - daylight savings begins March 10th– move your clocks an hour ahead Saturday night)

Birthdays

20th– Megan Harries                                 21st– Tim Daniel

22nd– Zac Byrd                                          22nd– Evonne Kincer

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

If all I have is Christ, I have all, because Christ is All.  If I have anything in addition to Him, He is no longer all, and in reality, I have nothing.  Christ is All *is* Christ alone!  Nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else!

SATAN’S ADVANTAGE

Paul said to the church at Corinth that if they failed to forgive, restore, and confirm their love to the man that had sinned so grievously, Satan would get the advantage over them (*II Cor. 2:11*).  What all it means for Satan to have the advantage I do not know. But it is not good!  What damage can be done in a church, a home, or an individual when Satan has an advantage.  When we fail to forgive we act contrary to the Gospel, contrary to the law of Christ (*Gal. 6:3*), put ourselves in the state of not being forgiven (*Matt. 6:15*), and give Satan room to work powerfully in our lives.  May we be quick to forgive, with some small measure of understanding how much we have been forgiven of!

In the kingdom of God the way up is down, the way to live is to die, the way to strength is weakness, to be wise is to become a fool, to be clothed in His righteousness is to be stripped of my own, to receive is to give, and to reign is to serve. If God does not turn my affection, interest, and love from this world, I will perish with the world.                    *- Copied*

*“When that which is****perfect****is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.”                                                -  I Corinthians 13:10*

When the “Perfect Man” comes, only then shall we see Him as He is and be made like Him. In the meantime, our faith is mixed with unbelief. Our love is mixed with selfishness. Our understanding is mixed with ignorance. Our sorrow for sin is shallow. Our worship falls so far short of its mark. Our experience of peace is fraught with fear. Our joy is mixed with sorrow. Truly, *“Now we see through a glass darkly…”*

Here is our hope brethren... Faith does not look to our experience in these graces for the hope of our salvation. Oh no! Faith looks to that Perfect Man in whom all these spiritual graces are full and complete. May we rest the hope of our salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ who stands in our stead before Almighty God. *“Wherefore, He is able to save them to the uttermost (perfectly) that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:25).   – Greg Elmquist*

TRAINING A CHILD IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO

Getting “The cart before the horse” is such a vivid picture of the backwards way of trying to do things.  It just simply will not work.  Yet the wisdom of man is always trying in vain to deliver the goods in just that fashion.  We have been told that the way to build our children’s self-esteem is by telling them how wonderful they are (even when they are bad), making them feel like winners (even when they lose), and always rewarding them (even when they are lazy).  The result is that we have raised a generation of self absorbed brats with an entitlement mentality. Truth is, self-esteem is the by-product of good decisions, hard work, and showing a genuine interest in others.  Teach your children by example, precept, and correction to choose right over wrong, to respect others (especially authority), and to work hard.  Then, they will grow up feeling good about themselves. Parenting is hard work. It’s a battle against the flesh. Many mistakes will be made along the way. But, if we take the easy way out, you can be sure that their Adamic nature will not only turn the cart over, it will kill the horse.

Now all that being true, there is but one thing that really matters in the end.  Has the Lord been pleased to save my child?  Do they know Christ?  Here is where our God given responsibility must not falter.  If the Lord is pleased to save our children, He will use the preaching of the Gospel to do it.  There is no greater thing we can do for our children than to have them in public worship. May God give us the grace to make this THE priority in our homes.  Again, some get the cart before the horse.  They wait for the child to want to come.  Remember, faith comes by hearing, not hearing by faith.  Always have them where they can hear and pray the Lord will give them ears to hear.                  *– Greg Elmquist*

THE HUNGRY EAT

I remember my father saying to us children at home when we did not like our food that he had been to the Union House and the boys and girls always like their breakfast there because they were hungry, and, said he,*“*If you had to go without, it would do you good.” Sometimes, children of God get worldly, and then they have no appetite for God’s Word.  They say, “We do not profit under Mr. So-and so.”  The truth is, we do not profit under the Bible itself, and should not profit under the apostle Paul or under the Lord Jesus Christ, for we have spoiled our appetites. But when our appetite is healthy, we can come to the Scripture, and not care much how it is carved.            *- C. H. Spurgeon*