March 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

O, blessed God how kind, are all Thy ways to me

Whose dark, benighted mind, was enmity with Thee

Yet now subdued by sovereign grace

My spirit longs for Thine embrace! My spirit longs for Thine embrace!

How precious are Thy thoughts, that o’er my spirit roll

They swell beyond my faults, and captivate my soul

How great their sum, how high they rise

Can ne’er be known beneath the skies! Can ne’er be known beneath the skies!

Preserved by Jesus when, my feet made haste to hell

And there should I have gone, but Thou dost all things well

Thy love was great, Thy mercy free

Which from the pit delivered me! Which from the pit delivered me!

Before Thy hands had made, the sun to rule the day

Or earth’s foundation laid, or fashioned Adam’s clay

What thoughts of peace and mercy flowed

In Thy great heart of love, O God! In Thy great heart of love, O God!

A monument of grace, a sinner saved by blood

The streams of love I trace, up to the fountain – God

And in His sovereign counsels see

Eternal thoughts of love to me! Eternal thoughts of love to me!

(Tune: “Arise My Soul, Arise”)

Thank you to everyone for helping with the conference – your time and efforts were very much appreciated!

We extend our sincere sympathy to Lissie McGuire and her family on the death of her brother.

Birthdays

19th– Rachel Daniel        21st– Doris Daniel       22nd– Jean Bradford

*“For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.”                                          - Proverbs 24:16*

HOW IMPORTANT IS MY GIVING?

In one sense it is not important at all. God goes not need my money and lack of generosity on my part is not going to effect the Kingdom of God.  God will raise up somebody else to give generously for His cause.  But in another sense it is so important that Paul says in *II Corinthians 8:8*that giving,*“Proves the sincerity of your love.”*  The sincerity of my love is seen more by my giving than what I say. With every paycheck, giving should be the first priority - not waiting to see what is left after the bills are paid and entertainment is taken care of. Love for Christ dictates that I give the first fruits and not the left-overs.  What I give and how I give is the test of my love to Christ according to the Scriptures.  How important is my giving?  Very!

FISHERS OF MEN

*“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  - Matthew 4:19*

Works religion has put a wrong emphasis on witnessing to others. The motive, method and message is wrong!  The Lord said, *“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.”  (Matthew 23:15)*

Could it be in our fear of being like them, we are throwing out the baby with the bathwater?  If we are not fishing for men, we are not following the Master! Since *“Faith cometh by hearing”*, and we know that none will be saved apart from hearing the Gospel, we want men to hear!  We know we cannot save them, but He can. I fear us becoming stagnant, coming to services, hearing and leaving, our duty being done.  You cannot know Christ and not want others to know Him.  You cannot be saved by His grace and not want fellow sinners to be saved by His grace. Have we lost sight of His great commission – *“Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.”*When the church of Jerusalem (not just the preachers) were scattered by persecution, they *“Went everywhere preaching the Word” (Acts 8:4).*May we have a renewed vision to be fishers of men, seeking the salvation of our families, co-workers, and neighbors: witnessing to them by our life and words, bringing them to hear the Gospel.  I know the Lord will bless that effort according to His will.

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What is the evidence that God has elected a man, Christ died for that man, and the Holy Spirit has given life to that man? They persevere in faith and in the faith all the way to the end.  *“He that endureth to the end shall be saved.”*

NINE BIBLE WORDS IN REGARD TO GIVING

1. GRACE *“Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.” (II Corinthians 8:7)*

2. LOVE *“I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.”  (II Corinthians 8:8)*

3. WILLING *“For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.” (II Corinthians 8:12)*

4. PROPORTION *“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.” (I Corinthians 16:2)*

5. EVERYONE *“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.” (I Corinthians 16:2)*

6. BOUNTIFULLY (LIBERALLY) *“He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.”  (II Corinthians 9:6)*

7. CHEERFULLY (VOLUNTARILY) *“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” (II Corinthians 9:7)*

8. UNTO THE LORD *“Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men.  Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But when thou does alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly.  And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men.  Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.” (Matthew 6:1-5)*

9. FORGET NOT*“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”  (Hebrews 13:16)*

*- Henry Mahan*

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If I stand in judgment of somebody I am playing the hypocrite. *“Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things” (Romans 2:1).*If somebody does not preach or believe the Gospel of Scripture and I say I am not going to judge them I am equally playing the hypocrite. Under the guise of being non-judgmental I am denying the actual content of the Gospel!