March 31, 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

Look upon me, Lord I pray Thee

Let Thy Spirit dwell in mine

Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me

Take my heart and make it Thine.

Naught I ask for, naught I strive for

But Thy grace so rich and free

This Thou givest by the Saviour

He hath all things who hath Thee.

Precious is the Name of Jesus

Who can half its worth unfold?

Far beyond angelic praises

Sweetly sung to harps of gold.

Guide me, Oh Thou great Jehovah

Pilgrim through this barren land

I am weak, but Thou art mighty

Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

(Tune: “Jesus Calls Us” p. 374)

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The preacher’s class will meet this Saturday, April 6that 10:00am.

Birthdays

1st- Jennifer Anjos           4th– Anthony Rawlins          5th– Jessica Elliott

*“He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord.”                - Proverbs 17:15*

*“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may have rest from their labours” (Rev. 14:13).*The labours spoken of are the struggles with sin.  Believer, when you die you will be in a state of sinlessness.  You will not even remember what it is like to be a sinner!  With regard to death, George Whitfield said, “When will my time come?”

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A Christian is one that believes things that his reason cannot comprehend and hopes for things which neither he nor any man alive ever saw.  He believes 3 to be 1 and 1 to be 3; a Father not to be older than His Son; a Son to be equal with the Father, and one proceeding from both to be equal with both. He believes himself to be precious in God’s sight and yet loathes himself in his own sight.  He is so ashamed, that he dares not open his mouth before God, yet comes boldly to God and asks Him anything he needs.  He hath within him both flesh and spirit and yet he is not a double-minded man.  He is often led captive by the law of sin, yet it never had dominion over him.  He cannot sin, yet he can do nothing without sin.                                                          *- Francis Bacon*

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PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION

The idea of progressive sanctification (when a person acts more and more holy and sins less and less as they get older) is an idea made up by legalists who are trying to keep people under the law not under grace.  The idea of progressive sanctification is nowhere to be found in the Word of God. Do not confuse growing in grace for growing in holiness.  A believer does grow in love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness and faith. There are differing degrees of all of those fruits of the Spirit.  But there are no degrees of holiness. We are either holy or unholy.  There is no middle ground. The believer is not made holy by our works.  Christ IS our holiness.  *“But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (I Cor. 1:30).*If you would see your holiness, do not look to your works, look to Christ who is our holiness.  If Christ is our sanctification, we are holy!                                                *- Frank Tate*

WITHOUT TRUTH

Without Truth there is no regeneration; for it is by *‘The Word of Truth”*that we are begotten and born again *(James 1:18; I Peter 1:23)*.  Without Truth there is no justification; for we are justified by faith, which faith consists in crediting God’s Truth, and so, gives peace with God *(Rom. 4:20-24; 5:1).*  Without the Truth there is no sanctification; for the Lord Himself says, *“Sanctify them through your Truth: your Word is Truth.”*And without the Truth there is no salvation, for *“God has chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth (II Thess. 2:13).*And as the Truth is the instrumental cause of all these blessings, the divinely appointed means whereby they become manifested mercies, so Truth enters into and is received by all the graces of the Spirit as they come forth into living exercise.  Thus, without the Truth, there is no faith, for the work of faith is to believe the Truth. What is all the difference between faith and delusion?  That faith believes God’s Truth, and delusion credits Satan’s lies.  *“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believe not the Truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (II Thess. 2:11-12).               – J. C. Philpot*

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PEACE WHICH PASSETH

*“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7)*.                          While the peace of God itself certainly is beyond our comprehension, this verse speaks of God’s peace excelling beyond our understanding in another sense. When we don’t understand our circumstances, when we don’t understand God’s providential workings in our lives, when we don’t understand our trials, when we don’t understand what to do, we have peace from God that is greater than our understanding. It is better to have His peace, than to understand everything. We don’t need to understand, because knowing Him, we have peace that He doeth all things well. We have peace that He will never leave us nor forsake us. We have peace that He works all things together for our good. We have peace that in Christ, we are without blemish and without spot and are well pleasing unto God. This peace is more excellent than understanding. I don’t need to know what, why, how, when or where, if I know Who.                         *– Chris Cunningham*