April 21, 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

Once my self-righteous soul relied

On my own works with hellish pride

But now whenever my soul sings praise

Each note shall echo, “God’s Free Grace.”

‘Twas grace that quickened me when dead

And grace my soul to Jesus led

Grace brought me pardon for my sin

And grace subdues my lusts within.

‘Tis grace that sweetens every cross

‘Tis grace supports in ev’ry loss

In Jesus’ grace my soul is strong

Grace is my hope and grace my song

‘Tis grace upholds when danger’s near

By grace alone I persevere

‘Tis grace constrains my soul to love

God’s grace is all they sing above.

‘Tis thus alone of grace I boast

And ‘tis alone in grace I trust

For all that’s past grace is my theme

For what’s to come, ‘tis still the same

In countless years of grace I’ll sing

Adore and bless my heavenly King

I’ll cast my crown before His Throne

And shout, “Free grace, free grace alone!”

(Tune: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” p. 361)

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VBS – JUNE 18-20

Birthdays

22nd– Vade Carroll          23rd– Samantha Daniel          24th– Don Martin

*“A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.”*

*- Proverbs 15:1*

SHEW PIETY AT HOME

*“But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.”                                          - I Timothy 5:4*

The word ‘piety’ means ‘well reverent’.  And it is something that can be seen by others.  Paul said that the one who fulfills his responsibilities in taking care of his parents is showing piety at home.  When someone acts pious, it is offensive because it is an act.  But true reverence for God will be seen in both attitude and conduct.  If there is no piety at home, there is no piety anywhere else.

Paul said in *Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.”*Not only are we not ashamed of the Gospel, we are proud of the Gospel of Christ! It glorifies every attribute of God! And, *“It is the power of God unto salvation.”*The Gospel saves all that God wills to be saved. We have no desire to cover up or take the edge off of any aspect of its truth by ambiguous language that all can accept and none be offended by.  When it is presented like that, it is no longer the Gospel of which we are not ashamed.  The reason men will do this is they really are ashamed of the Gospel!

DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY

The sovereignty of God may be defined as the exercise of His supremacy.  Being infinitely elevated above the highest creature, He is the Most High, Lord of heaven and earth. Subject to none, influenced by none, absolutely independent; God does as He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases.  None can thwart Him; none can hinder Him.  So His own Word expressly declares, *“My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure” (Isaiah 46:10); “He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand” (Daniel 4:35).*Divine sovereignty means that God is God in fact, as well as in Name, and He is on the Throne of the universe, directing all things, working all things *“After the counsel of His own will” (Ephesians 1:11).*  *- A. W. Pink*

IT IS FINISHED MEANS IT IS FINISHED!

When the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ shouted in His dying breath, *“It is finished!” (John 19:30)*, He spoke regarding the redemption of the sinners for whom He died (among other things).

When He said, *“It is finished!”*He meant….*“It is finished!”*The redemption of every soul for whom He died was completed, perfected, accomplished, achieved, and finalized.

Many preachers aver otherwise.  They say He meant, “It is finished *hypothetically!*– As in “I made redemption possible for everyone.”  They say he meant, “It is finished *partly*!” – As in “I have done My part, but now you must do yours.”  They say He meant, “It is finished *provisionally!*- As in “I have provided redemption for all who will of their own free will have it.” They say He meant “It is finished *conditionally!”*– As in “I have redeemed you if you meet the condition.”

When Jesus Christ said, *“It is finished!”*He meant…. “It is finished!” – *actually, completely, perfectly, effectually, unconditionally, absolutely, everlastingly, immutably,*period!

Not one single solitary sinner for whom Jesus Christ died will die unredeemed and be condemned and consigned to everlasting punishment.  Rather, each and every sinner for whom Jesus Christ died is redeemed and will join the heavenly hosts in singing to Him, “You are worthy… for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation” *(Revelation 5:9).*Will you join them?  *“Let the redeemed of the LORD say so” (Psalm 107:2).                                                        - David Eddmenson*

It is grace at the beginning, grace at the end.  So that when you and I come to die upon our deathbeds, the one thing that should comfort and help and strengthen us is the thing that helped us at the beginning! Not what we have been, not what we have done, but the GRACE of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  The Christian life starts with grace, it must continue with grace, and it ends with grace!              *- Martin Lloyd Jones*