May 5, 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

Great Prophet!  Let us bless Thy Name

By Thee the joyful tidings came

Of wrath appeased, of sins forgiv’n

Of hell subdued, and peace with heav’n.

I love my Shepherd!  He will keep

My wand’ring soul among His sheep

He feeds His flock, He calls their names

And on His shoulder bears His lambs.

Jesus, my Great High Priest has died

I need no sacrifice beside

His blood did once for sin atone

And now it pleads before the throne.

My Lord, my Conqueror, and my King

Thy scepter and Thy throne I sing

Thine is the glory, and I sit

A joyful subject, at Thy feet.

(Tune: “Doxology”)

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We will observe the Lord’s Table this evening.

VBS – JUNE 18-20

UPCOMING BIBLE CONFERENCES

Hurricane Road Grace Church, Ashland, KY       May 10-12

Lantana Grace Church, Crossville, TN                 June 21-23

Birthdays

7th– Kyle Willis                9th– Kim DuFour                9th– Flora Scrifres

10th– Will Hacker                    11th– Della Grace Frye

11th– Kate Hands              11th– Fred Tuttle

*“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.”   - Proverbs 29:25*

*“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.”*

*Romans 12:11*

If this admonition were not necessary for us, He would not have given it.  The word business is diligence.  Do not become lazy in the effort you give in serving the Lord.  Be fervent, white hot, boiling over in spirit, serving the Lord.  To become slothful in our diligence and zeal can easily happen to any of us because of the sinful nature we all possess.  But how evil!  That way of being is contrary to *“The love of Christ constraineth me.”*I cannot think of anything more ugly then trying to fit the worship of Christ into life’s busy schedule.  The Gospel, if true, is of infinite importance; if false, is of no importance. But what it cannot be is moderately important.  *“Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.”*

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JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED

*“For I determined not to know any thing among you,*

*save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”    - I Corinthians 2:2*

There is only one message to preach and to hear because there is only one message in all of the Scripture – *“Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”*Every page, every story, every commandment, every word speaks of *“Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”*What is the only remedy for sin?  *“Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”*What is the only message of comfort and rest?  *“Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”*What message breaks a hard heart?  And what message binds the broken heart again?  *“Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”*What message instructs, and motivates the heart of a sinner to obedience?  *“Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”*What message produces true love, unity, and forgiveness among brethren?  *“Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”*Just preach *“Jesus Christ and Him crucified”*and husbands will love their wives *“as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it” (Eph. 5:25)*; wives will submit to the leadership and direction of their *“loving”*husbands, and children will *“obey*(their)*parents in the Lord”*as Christ submitted and obeyed to the loving will of His Father.  Everything that a child of God needs for growth in grace, and growth into the image of his Lord is produced through the preaching of *“Jesus Christ, and Him crucified”*.  Christ is ALL!  All we preach, all we hear, all we believe, all we have!  By God’s grace, all of His people say with Paul:  *“We are determined to know nothing among us, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”  - Gabe Stalnaker*

FISHERS OF MEN

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

If we are not fishers of men we are not following Christ.  Those who follow Him, He makes fishers of men. You cannot follow Christ and not have an earnest desire to see your fellow man saved.

And how do we fish for men?  By praying to the Lord of the harvest for their salvation.  By seeking to live before them in such a way that they will ask us of the reason for the hope that is in us.  By doing all in our power to bring them under the sound of the Gospel. This is done through personal witnessing, giving them a C.D. of the Gospel being preached or a book where the Gospel is preached, or inviting them to come with you to hear the Gospel. This is done by supporting in every way you can the spread of the Gospel. Believer, this is our purpose for being here -  to be a fisher of men.  May that be our heart in whatever we do.  *“As you go, preach.”*

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OUR RULE OF LIFE

Many religious people claim to believe a sinner is saved by grace but then they also claim that the believer must still strive to keep the law.  They say, “How else will you control people?”  One big concern is giving.  False religion keeps people under the law of the tithe because they know stingy, selfish people will never give 10% unless they are forced by the law.

The answer is very simple.  What saith the Scripture?  *“Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine” (I Timothy 1:9-10).*The law is given for the lawless and the disobedient, not a believer.  The law threatens the disobedient but does not make them obedient. The Gospel is given to the believer who has been made a new creature in Christ.  A believer is not controlled or motivated by the law.  A believer is controlled by love for Christ. A believer will be faithful in worship, loving in attitude, and generous in giving out of a thankful spirit because God has been merciful.    *- Frank Tate*