August 25, 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

This promise is proclaimed

To all who trust in Christ

Christ Jesus keeps His saints secure

They cannot be condemned.

Though oft I sin, I know

And feel so very low

Nothing I say, or feel, or do

Will change my God, I know.

His Word can never be

Broken or changed at all

This sinner, justified by grace

From grace can never fall!

No sin can justice charge

Against my ransomed soul

When Jesus died, He paid my debt

Not part, but paid in whole.

(Tune: “I Love Thy Kingdom Lord” p.188)

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Danville Bible Conference – Aug. 30st– Sept. 1st

Preacher class will meet Saturday, September 7that 10:00am.

Congratulations to Bryant and Chesney Martin who were married last Sunday!

Birthdays

27th– Adilene Sligh           28th– Braedan Kelley          29th– Cami Walmsley

30th– Abby Holthaus            31st– Eva Hicks

*“The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.” - Proverbs 10:8*

*“Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.” - Hebrews 12:28*

The only way God can be served acceptably, with due reverence and godly fear is by having or holding to grace!  And what does the Bible mean by grace?  *“By grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).*Grace is always saving.  It is always through faith.  No part of salvation is of us. Salvation is of the Lord. All aspects of grace are the gift of God.  Grace says not of works. Grace leaves no ground for human boasting.  It is only by grace that God can be served acceptably. Anything that is not grace is irreverent and no fear of God!  Is it any wonder the writer to the Hebrews said, *“Let us have*(hold to) *grace.”*

Eternal things have no beginning and no ending.  We are in time now and when we enter eternity after death, we will have always been there in Christ.  Things that are not seen, things that are made are temporary.  Things that are not seen are eternal.  We read in Scripture of eternal life, eternal salvation, eternal comfort, eternal glory, eternal judgment, eternal redemption, eternal covenant, eternal inheritance, and eternal Gospel.  Those who have eternal life are said to be ordained unto eternal life, and we read of words of eternal life. Eternity will be spent worshipping Him who is eternal.

We are called upon to lay aside every weight and the sin that does so easily beset us, and run with patience the race set before us.  How?  By *“Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith” (Heb. 12:2).*The life of the believer commenced when he began looking unto Jesus, is carried on by looking unto Jesus, and will end looking unto Jesus. Eternity will be spent looking unto Jesus.

BE STILL

Some preachers want to arouse man’s activity.  We want to kill it once and for all, to show him that he is lost and ruined, and that his activities are not able to save him.  Some seek to make the man stand up.  We seek to bring him down and make him feel that he is in the hands of God and that his business is to submit to God, bow to the claims of Christ, and cry, “Lord, save me or I perish.”    *- Henry Mahan*

COME, BUT YOU CAN’T

Is it contradictory to tell someone to come and drink from the River of Life freely, but then tell them that are unable?  Should we just tell men to come to Christ and leave out the part about God’s sovereign election and man’s total inability?  Many would say we are just confusing the message and restricting the free offer of salvation by telling men they can’t come unless the Father makes them willing by His irresistible grace which is according to His will and good pleasure.  Why is it necessary when commanding men to come to Christ to tell them they can’t? Why are total depravity, unconditional election, limited atonement, and irresistible grace essential elements of the Gospel?  One simple reason. Without these truths, men will make a work out of coming.  Without these truths men will be led to believe that God has done His part, now it is up to you to come.  No, men must trust Christ for their coming also.  If you bring anything to the table of salvation, even your coming, then grace is no longer grace and you are left in your sins. The Lord will do it all…or He won’t do it at all.   *- Greg Elmquist*

Faith is necessary for salvation.  But, we do not look to our faith to save us; rather, in faith, we look to Christ. Repentance is necessary for salvation. But we do not look to our repentance to save us; rather, in repentance, we turn to Christ.  There are graces, which God works in us as He saves us.  But these graces are never to be the object of our trust, confidence or hopeful gaze. All the graces God gives us in salvation are to be used to look to, turn to, appreciate, and lay hold of Christ, who is our salvation!

*- Joe Terrell*

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

*“But I certify you, brethren, that the Gospel which was preached of me is not after man.  For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.”*  *- Galatians 1:11-12*

No one has ever found the true interpretation of any passage of Scripture until they have found in it somewhere a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.  Christ is the message and the subject of all the Scriptures. That is why we preach, *“Christ and Him crucified.”*The Bible, God’s inspired Word is truly a *“Revelation of Jesus Christ.”  - David Eddmenson*

God works powerfully, but for the most part gently and gradually.

*- John Newton*