September 15, 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

When is it Christians all agree

And let distinctions fall?

When, nothing in themselves, they see

That Christ is All in All!   *(Repeat)*

But strife and difference will subsist

While men will something seem

Let them but singly look to Christ

And all are one in Him!

The infant, and the aged saint,

The worker, and the weak

They who are strong and seldom faint

And they who scarce can speak!

Eternal life’s the gift of God

It comes through Christ alone

‘Tis His – He bought it with His blood

And therefore gives His own!

We have no life, no power, no faith

But what by Christ is given

We all deserve eternal death

And thus we all are even!

(Tune: “Majestic Sweetness” p. 52)

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We rejoice with Roscoe Bowling who confessed Christ in believer’s baptism.

Birthdays

16th– Lyn Covert                                  18th– Heather Ham

10th– Kaitlyn Burton                             20th– Doug Hardin

*“Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.”  - Proverbs 10:12*

We read the word ‘Christian’ three times and ‘believer’ twice in the Word of God. They are good, Scriptural words.  But we read the word ‘saint’ over one hundred times. Sanctified ones. Holy ones. Chosen to be holy by the Father in election *(Eph. 1:4)*.  Declared to be holy by the Son in His sacrifice *(Hebrews 10:14).*Made holy by the Spirit of God in regeneration *(I John 3:9)*.  Set apart by the Father, Son, and Spirit.  What a blessed privilege and high calling… to be a saint of God!  It is the saint that pants after God. It is the saint that cries out, *“Oh wretched man that I am.”*He only hates the sin of his old nature.  The new nature the saint has here he will have in heaven!  The only difference will be he no longer has a sinful nature.  What a blessing of grace, what a future, to be a saint!

People of God.  We can plan and arrange our worship services perfectly according to Scripture, sing just the right songs, pray fervently and Scripturally and even deliver a well studied, God honoring message from the Word of God, but we cannot worship unless the Lord Himself graces our presence with His, and blesses us to do so.  Pray for it. Let us seek Him, this very morning that we may find. *- Chris Cunningham*

Look at a candle and how it burns.  The more the light shines, the more the candle diminishes.  What a beautiful illustration of the believer in Christ!  The more he learns the Gospel of Christ, the more precious Christ becomes and the less he thinks of himself.  One who is truly the Lord’s shines forth the light of HIS righteousness, grace, goodness, mercy, forgiveness, and truth.  In so shining, self does not get bigger and more noticeable – the CHRIST does!  The glory is not to self but to HIM.  John the Baptist said, *“He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30)*.                    *– Copied*

Our speech betrays us; those who do not know Christ speak great things concerning themselves; those who do know Christ speak greater things concerning Him.                                                               - *Tommy Robbins*

We have no power from God unless we live in the persuasion that we have none of our own.  *- John Owen*

Two things that always go together are holiness and humility.  The absence of one is the absence of the other.

SPECIAL PEOPLE

*“For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy*

*God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above*

*all people that are upon the face of the earth.”  -Deuteronomy 7:6*

When the doctrine of election is declared, those who do not embrace it often accuse those who do of thinking they are “special” by saying things like, “You believe that you are the only ones that will be saved!”  God’s people do not think that they are special. But God says they are!  The only thing in the elect children of God that makes them special is the Lord Jesus Christ (*Colossians 1:27*).  They take no glory in their salvation, for they did nothing to save themselves *(Ephesians 2:8)*.  They do not take pride in their redemption, for it is God who declares that His elect will be the only ones who are saved *(Romans 8:29-30)*.No, God’s people do not think they are special.  Being unholy, they believe that God made them holy in Christ.  Being unworthy, they trust that God made them worthy in Christ.  Being ordinary, common wretches, they know that they have been chosen to be a special people unto God by the work and righteousness of His Son, who is infinitely special to Him!  God’s people are “SPECIAL PEOPLE” for that reason only.  Sinner, if you trust in Christ alone for your salvation, then *“The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.”*How special is that? *- David Eddmenson*

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SIN WHICH IS NOT SEEN

How can God who sees all things, no longer see sin in believers?  The Lord Jesus Christ is the answer.  The Messiah (Hebrew word for Christ), of whom Daniel wrote, was, *“To finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness” (Daniel 9:24).*

To make an end of sins!  The Lord Jesus Christ has so effectually redeemed His people, so perfectly reconciled His people, so absolutely propitiated God, so thoroughly removed the sins of His people – that God declares – the God who cannot change – *“Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more’ (Hebrews 10:17).  “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:12). “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1)*. In Christ, He sees us in Christ, in the Beloved, *“In whom He is well pleased.”     - David Pledger*