December 29, 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

Come, Thou Almighty Comforter

And bring upon Thy wing

Sweet consolation to each soul

That we may praise and sing.

We want to hear, we want to see

We want to know Christ more

We want sweet foretastes of His love

As we have had before.

And shall we come in vain to God?

O Lord, that cannot be

Thy promise stands engaged to come

And bless e’vn two or three.

Lord, give more love, more sincere faith

More confidence in Thee

Break off our legal chains, O God

And let our souls free.

(Tune:  “Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” p. 158)

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Regarding the coming new year, everything will take place as God has willed, purposed, and decreed.   I pray that you and I will enter in more to the *“Joy and peace of believing.”*Happy New Year!

Everyone is invited to the home of Paul and Kelli Harries on New Year’s Eve. Pizza and chicken will be provided. You may bring a non-peanut dish to share.

There will be no service this Wednesday evening, January 1st.

All men are invited to the preacher’s class this Saturday, January 4th.

We will have a Bible Conference April 17-19.

Birthdays

29th– Amanda Frye                  29th– Alan Kincer                 30th– Will Hands

31st– Donna Wooten                                       1st– Wyatt Davis

3rd– Rachel Sullivan                   4th–Laura Brown

*“A wise son heareth his father’s instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.”  - Proverbs 13:1*

THE THINGS DONE IN THE BODY

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”   – II Corinthians 5:10*

This verse speaks of the reality of justification.  If I am justified, everything I have done in my body is good. This is not a paste on righteousness. God’s word to every believer is, *“Well done thou good and faithful servant.”*If I stand without Christ in judgment, everything done in my body will be bad.  If you want to stand before God and be judged, He will oblige you and it will not be good!

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Someone once said the believer has three strong desires:

**Total Commitment**– to the Lord Jesus Christ.  Every saint wants to be sold-out, a student, a disciple, follower and full-time worshipper of the Lord.  Fact is all *true*believers are.

**Total Communion**– with the Lord God.  Every child of God knows the Lord…has a real relationship with Him, but desires to know Him more fully; desires to walk and talk with, hear from and feel the presence of his God.  *Enoch walked with God, Noah walked with God*, and so do all of God’s people. But they long to do so more fully.

**Total Conformity**– to the Lord Jesus Christ.  Every lover of Christ, longs to be like Christ.  As David said….*“I will be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness.”*We see no beauty in ourselves, no comeliness, but we see Him as *altogether lovely*, and want to be and strive to be like Him.  Are these the desires of your heart?                                                                         *- Paul Mahan*

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*“Charity is long suffering and kind.”* This describes the love of Christ toward every believer.  And it describes every believer.   *“The fruit of the Spirit is love.”*If *“long suffering and kind”* is absent, grace is absent.

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In its final analysis, any objection to God’s absolute sovereignty in election is an objection to God being God.

*“I KNOW THY WORKS….”*

*Revelation 2:2*

To me, this statement is both awesome and wonderful, fearful and comforting.  On the one hand, we may deceive others or even ourselves, but He says, *“I know… “*– how sobering!  On the other hand, we may be misinterpreted, misquoted, disbelieved, and disallowed, but He says to our hearts, *“I know…” –*how comforting!  What a majestic and gracious Saviour we have.  How God He is, *“One with the Father” (John 10:30)*. And how man He is, *“One with His people” (Hebrews 2:11).*

When, with trembling heart, I ponder the fact that he knows ME – my sin, my darkness, my unbelief, my unfaithfulness, my weakness, my foolishness, and my emptiness – I *“Rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory,”*that I know HIM – His righteousness, His light, His faith, His faithfulness, His strength, His wisdom, and His fullness.  What a full, complete, and wonderful Saviour He is, to otherwise helpless and hopeless sinners!!!  How quickly, swiftly, and gladly my heart flies to HIM when He says to me, *“I know…”*Though I see as through a dark glass, yet I am so thankful that I know Him (*John 17:3)*,*“or rather are known of God” (Galatians 4:9).      - Maurice Montgomery*

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THE BELIEVER’S DESIRE

The believer’s great interest is to be found in Christ, not having his own righteousness, but having the righteousness of Jesus Christ and to know Jesus Christ in his heart. To have fellowship with Christ in spirit and in truth, and to know the power of His resurrected Life flowing through himself as he lives out his life on this earth. In other words, to walk with Him, talk with Him and be with Him when this earthly life is over.  Lord, make this desire to grow.  *(Philippians 3:8-11)*  *- John Chapman*

In Christ, there is no further perfection to attain.  In Christ, a sinner is made to be everything that God requires him to be.  In Christ, wisdom is complete, righteousness is complete, sanctification is complete, and redemption is complete.  To know Him is to know it all, and to have Him is to have it all.  In Christ, we are as perfectly complete as we will ever be.

*- Gabe Stalnaker*

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LOVEST THOU ME?

This is the point on which a man’s relationship with God hinges. As simple as the question may sound, it is most searching.  If a man has no love for Christ, he has no faith.  If a man truly loves Christ, all is right, if not, all is wrong.                                                      *- Henry Mahan*