February 23, 2020

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

God is our refuge, tried and proved

Amid a stormy world

We will not fear though earth be moved

And hills in oceans hurled.

The waves may roar, the mountains shake

Our comfort shall not cease

The Lord His saints will not forsake

The Lord will give us peace.

A gentle stream of hope and love

To us shall ever flow

It issues from His Throne above

It cheers His church below.

Our God, who is the Lord of hosts

Forever on our side

The God of Jacob, our defense

Forever will abide.

(Tune: “Am I a Soldier of the Cross?” p. 414)

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Congratulations to Jonathan and Amanda (Carver) Janes on the birth of their son, Reuben!  Jan Carver is Reuben’s grandmother.

The preacher’s class will meet on Saturday, March 7th.

We will have a church dinner on Sunday, March 22nd.

Vacation Bible School will be June 23-25.

*“And all the people that heard Him and the publicans justified God” (Luke 7:29).*That means they believed that whatever He did was right, and the reason it was right is because He did it.  Just like we believe every word is inspired that the Bible records, we believe everything He does is right because of the absolute righteousness and holiness of His character.  If we do not understand how it is right, we believe it none-the-less.  *“Shall not the judge of the earth do right.”*We can rest in that and feel no need to apologize for anything He does. We know it is all right!

*“He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.”- Proverbs 10:4*

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At no time is it ever acceptable to sin.  All sin is an infinite evil. When Christ cried from the darkness of the cross, *“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me”*, it was because of sin.  There are no little inconsequential sins.  John said, *“These things write I unto you that you sin not.”*  In the world to come God’s elect will no longer be sinners, but while in this world it is always good to be a sinner.  It is not good to commit sins!  But it is good to be a sinner.  Why?  It is sinners that Christ came to save!  It is sinners Christ came to call!  He was called the friend of sinners.  The only way you can hear the Gospel as the Gospel is if you hear as a present tense sinner.  The only way you can trust Him as your righteousness is if you have none of your own. You only trust Him as all when He is all you have.  I really believe what the hymn writer said – “A sinner is a sacred thing, the Holy Ghost hath made him so.”

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JUSTIFICATION

Justification does not merely mean forgiveness.  It includes forgiveness, but it is much bigger than forgiveness.  It means in addition that God declares us to be entirely guiltless; He regards us as having never sinned at all; He pronounces us to be just and to be righteous.  In doing so, He is answering any declaration that the law may make with respect to us. It is the judge upon the bench not merely saying that the prisoner at the bar is forgiven, but that he pronounces him to be a JUST AND RIGHTEOUS PERSON.   In justifying us, God tells us that He has taken our sins and our guilt and has *‘imputed’*them to, *‘put them to the account of’*the Lord Jesus Christ and punished them in Him.  He announces also that, having done that, He now puts to our account, or *‘imputes’*to us, the perfect righteousness of His own dear Son.  The Lord Jesus Christ obeyed the law perfectly; He never broke it in any respect, He gave a full and a perfect satisfaction to all its demands.  That full obedience constitutes His righteousness. What God does is to put to our account, to put upon us, the righteousness of Jesus Christ.  In declaring us to be justified, God proclaims that He now looks on us, not as we are, but as clothed with the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.*- Martin Lloyd-Jones*

*“FROM SUCH WITHDRAW THYSELF”*

*I Timothy 6:3-5*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ produces a humble and loving spirit; but religion without Christ (even though quite orthodox) fills the mind with pride, vanity, and self-esteem.  These people often spend their time in controversy, disputes, and strife over words, ordinances, laws, church discipline, and government.  Their ministry and contact with others produce quarrels and dissension, insults and suspicion, envy and jealousy.  *“From such withdraw thyself.”*The true grace of God holds and proclaims the Gospel of His glory in the spirit of our Lord and will bring His people together in righteousness, joy, and peace. *- Henry Mahan*

*“Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory,*

*for Thy mercy, and for Thy Truth’s sake.”      - Psalm 115:1*

The true test of whether the Gospel you trust in is THE GOSPEL can be answered by one simple question. Does God get all the glory or does man? The true Gospel ALWAYS glorifies God in the person and work of His Son!  God’s Gospel gives glory to His wisdom, His power, His mercy, His grace, His love and most importantly HIS SON!  A false gospel will always in some way credit something to man.  But the Word of God is clear that *“No flesh should glory in His presence” (I Cor. 1:29).“That according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord” (I Cor. 1:31).* *- David Eddmenson*

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THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

The ‘Sovereignty of God.’ What do we mean by this expression? We mean the SUPREMACY of God, the KINGSHIP of God, the GODHOOD of God.  To say that God is sovereign is to declare that GOD IS GOD!  To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the Most High, *“Doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand or say unto Him, What doest Thou?” (Daniel 4:35).*To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the Almighty, the possessor of all power in heaven and earth so that none can defeat His counsels, thwart His purpose, nor resist His will (*Psalm 115:3*).  To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is, *“The Governor among the nations” (Psalm 22:28)*, setting up kingdoms, over-throwing empires, and determining the course of dynasties as pleases Him best. To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the, *“Only potentate, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords” (I Timothy 6:15).*Such is the God of the Bible.                                                                                              *- A. W. Pink*