September 16, 2018

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

Hark! The voice of love and mercy

Sounds aloud from Calvary

See, it rends the rocks asunder

Shakes the earth and veils the sky

IT IS FINISHED!  IT IS FINISHED!

Hear the dying Savior’s cry.

“It is finished,” O what pleasure

Do these precious words afford

Heavenly blessings without measure

Flow to us through Christ the Lord

IT IS FINISHED!  IT IS FINISHED!

Saints, the dying words record.

Finished all the types and shadows   
Of the ceremonial law

Finished all that God had promised

Death and hell no more shall awe

IT IS FINISHED!  IT IS FINISHED!

Saints, from hence your comfort draw.

Tune your hearts anew ye seraphs

Join to sing the glorious theme

All in earth and all in heaven

Join to praise Emmanuel’s Name

IT IS FINISHED!  IT IS FINISHED!

Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

(Tune: “Angels From the Realms of Glory” p. 99)

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            I am on vacation this week.  Andy Davis will bring both messages today and Don Fortner will preach on Wednesday night.

We will have a church dinner Sunday, September 30th.

Birthdays

 16th– Lyn Covert                                      18th– Heather Ham

           19th– Kaitlyn Burton                                20rd– Doug Hardin

*“Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.”                - Proverbs 13:18*

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WHY I HATE UNIVERSAL REDEMPTION

            By universal redemption, I mean that preaching that says that Christ died for all men without exception, but man’s salvation hinges upon man using his free will to receive what Christ has done.  If you do not as an act of your free will receive Christ, you can still be damned, even if Christ died for your sins.  I hate universal redemption for these reasons….

1. It is not true.

2. It puts the burden of salvation upon the sinner.

3. It makes God unjust; payment for the same sin twice.

4. It makes God’s love meaningless.

5. It denies salvation is all of grace.

6. It makes God mutable.  He wills to save and then damns.

7. It makes Christ a failure. His intentions in His death were not realized.

8. It limits the power of His blood.

9. It makes men’s will sovereign over God’s will.

10. It denies satisfaction was made in the death of Christ.

11. It let’s man share in the glory of salvation.  Man’s will is the difference.

12. Nobody is saved by this message.

13. It takes away the only hope I have… if Christ could love me and give Himself for me, and I may still end up in hell, I will end up in hell.

Universal redemption is a monstrous doctrine!

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EARNESTLY CONTEND

*“… It was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”  - Jude 3*

            The faith is the actual content of the Gospel.  It is that which all believers believe.  It is that which if not believed there will be no salvation.  And it was *“once delivered.”*There are no modifications!  No additions or subtractions.  It has been delivered by God in the Scriptures.  There will be no progressive, on-going revelations.  We are called upon*“to earnestly contend”*for the faith once delivered because Satan and his host of false prophets will seek to modify, add to or subtract from the message of the Gospel.   No one will be saved by that message.  Hence the need to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered, and oppose any preaching that is contrary to it!

            There is no subject more important than the nature and the inward change that takes place when a person is savingly joined to Christ Jesus.  Some think that this sanctification is God’s work and that man has nothing to do. They say that God saves us, sanctifies us, and works His will in us, and we need give no concern to the matter of holiness and obedience. Others think that the work of sanctification and personal holiness is man’s work entirely, that God gives us the means and waits to see what we will make of ourselves.

            In *I Peter,*the Apostle cuts both of these errors out by the roots.  On the one hand he teaches that we are, indeed, the elect of God, born of the Spirit, sanctified and justified in Christ Jesus, given a new nature, new heart, and a new direction.  But on the other hands, this dramatic change is accomplished through KNOWLEDGE and BELIEF OF THE TRUTH (*II Thess. 2:13*).  We are born again as babes, and we must mature and grow. God has appointed the means of growth – the Word, prayer, worship, fellowship, trials, personal determination, and effort.  *“Lay aside*(be done with) *those things that war against the soul and desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.”           - Henry Mahan*

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*“Both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one” (Hebrews 2:11).*Not extremely close, but one: this speaks of the eternal union of Christ and the elect. The elect have always been in Christ.  There was never a time when they began to be in Christ. This is certainly beyond comprehension or explanation.  But it is to be proclaimed and believed.  Every aspect of God’s salvation can only be understood in light of the believer’s eternal union with Christ.  Election is being chose in Him.  Justification is being in Him when He kept the law.  Redemption is Him bearing my sins in His own body on the tree. Regeneration is Him being in me. No aspect of God’s salvation is rightly understood apart from the believer’s eternal union with Christ.  It is through this union that the sanctifier is not ashamed to call the sanctified brethren.

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            A faulty message will produce faulty methods, and a man-centered message will produce man-pleasing methods.  If God’s glory is not our aim, then man’s approval will be.  For these reasons and more, we preach the Gospel, which is the power of God, and keep our methods in line with that Gospel.                                               *- Paul Mahan*