May 12, 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 OF THE DAY

How vast, how full, how free

The mercy of our God

Proclaim the blessed news around

And spread it all abroad.

How full it does remove

The stain of every sin

And makes the soul as white and pure

As never having sinned.

Poor guilty sinner, come!

Christ, stands to comfort thee

Come, cast thyself upon His love

So, vast, so full, so free!

I’m glad salvation’s free!

For sinners such as we!

Salvation full and free by grace

I’m glad salvation’s free!

(Tune: “I Love Thy Kingdom” p.188)

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We rejoice with Jim Green who will confess Christ in believer’s baptism at the close of the service this morning.

We will honor our graduating High School Seniors on Sunday, June 2nd, after the evening service.  Bring an appetizer or dessert.

Birthdays

12th– Nick Martin               12th– April Frye             12th– Courtney Ortz

13th– Annie Charron          17th– Isaac Meek            18th– Dave Burton

*“He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.”                - Proverbs 22:16*

WILLING AND PERFORMING

*“To will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good I find not.”                                                               - Romans 7:18*

To will is present with me. I would never sin again.  But as far as the never sinning again goes, it never happens.  I have not been able to carry out my desire to not sin.  All I do is sin!  Like David said, *“My sin is ever*(continually)*before me.”*While it is ever before me, it is not before God!  Every believer is *“Holy and unblameable and unreproveable in His sight” (Col. 1:22).*And we will experience this when we see Him as He is.  *“When He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is” (I John 3:2).*One day our desire shall be changed into experience: sinlessness! And my present sinfulness and the sins I commit do not allow me to look anywhere but Christ alone as all my salvation.

*“Able to save”*means something more than just delivering men from hell. *“Able to save”*is the whole work of salvation from the first conviction of sin to complete glorification. Christ is not only *“Able to save”*those who repent, but He is able to make men repent. Christ is not only *“Able to save”*those who believe, but He is able to give a new heart and work faith in men. Christ is not only *“Able to save”*those who continue in the faith, but He is able to keep us from falling and give us a holy desire to be like Him. *- Henry Mahan*

The Bible is a book that records the activity of God, not man.  It is not a record of man seeking and searching after God and striving to find Him.  It is the exact opposite.  It is man going astray and God coming after him.  As He came down in the garden of Eden at the beginning when man sinned, so He has been coming down ever since, and He came down supremely in the person of His only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.   *- Martin Lloyd-Jones*

If being a sinner is the qualification of those whom Christ came to save, no one is more qualified than me; the chief of sinners. If being poor and needy is the qualification of those whom Christ came to save, who is in more spiritual poverty and in need of mercy more than me?  If it is true that God hath chosen the foolish, the weak, the base, and the things which are not, that no flesh should glory in His presence; who has less reason to glory in themselves than me?  Are you qualified?

*- Greg Elmquist*

TRUE SHARING

I don’t believe any verse of Scripture can be fully understood without an understanding of eternal union of every elect believer to the Lord Jesus Christ.  Let’s look at just two verses in the light of union with Christ to show what I mean.

In *Psalm 40:12*David writes, *“Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me….”,*yet in *Psalm 7:8*, David writes, *“Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.”*On the surface, most people would see David in *Psalm 40*struggling with his sins, feeling they are too much to overcome…. Yet in *Psalm 7*, he has buckled down, gained victory over sin in his life, and has become holy enough to please God.

Now let’s see what these verses really mean in light of union with Christ.  When nailed to that tree, Christ was the scapegoat of Aaron, and a complete and total transference of sin and righteousness occurred.  Every single sin of every single elect sinner was transferred into the body and soul of Christ, and every single righteous act of Christ’s 33 years of perfect law-keeping was transferred into the body and soul of every believer.

So now the true meaning of *Psalm 40:12*can be understood as the words of Christ on the cross, when God placed the sin of the elect into Christ, it became His, and He cried, *“Mine iniquities have taken hold of me!”*And*Psalm 7:8*can be understood as the words of every believer, when God placed the righteousness of Christ into the body and soul of the elect, it became theirs, and they cry, *“Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.”*

True sharing is being united to Christ, so that what is mine is His, and what is His is mine…we are truly one with Christ.

*- Brian DuFour*

GOOD WORKS

*“…Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works” (Titus 2:14).*The very thing that can never save us (our works) is the very evidence that we have been saved by the grace of God.  And these works are made good not by our doing them (in fact, we ruin them), but from their source, God Himself, Christ in us.  *“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure” (Phil 2:13).*  *- Brian DuFour*