June 23, 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, let us join our grateful songs

With angels ‘round the throne

Ten thousand thousand are their tongues

But all their joys are one.

“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry

To be exalted thus

“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply

“For He has died for us.”

Jesus is worthy to receive

Honor and pow’r divine

And glory more than we can give

Be, Lord forever Thine.

The whole creation join in one

To bless that Holy Name

Of Him who sits upon the throne

And to adore the Lamb.

(Tune: “Am I a Soldier” p. 414)

I am in Crossville, TN this weekend preaching at the Lantana Grace Bible conference.  Aaron Greenleaf will bring the morning message and Frank Tate, pastor of the Hurricane Road Grace Church in Ashland, KY will bring the evening message. May the Lord be pleased to bless His Word today.

Thank you so very much to everyone who helped with your time and efforts to make Bible School a special time for our children. May the Lord be pleased to put His Word in their hearts and save them by His grace.

We rejoice with Andrew Glasscock who confessed Christ in believer’s baptism Wednesday evening.

Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Ewing, NJ Bible Conference July 19-21

Birthdays

24th– Kristy Burton                24th– David Morris               24th– Haley Small

27th– Paul David Daniel      28th– Jessica Scifres          28th– Lissie McGuire

28th– David Parker        29th– Emily Dickerson        29th– Hannah Dickerson

*“There are many devices in a man’s heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand. “ - Proverbs 19:21*

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Believe and be saved is a true statement, but no one would be saved if that is all they hear…. Paul said, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”*He is the Lord. His sovereign will is always done. *“He doeth according to His will in the armies of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth and none can stay His hand.”* He is Jesus…. Savior.  *“Thou shalt call His Name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.”*He is the Christ, God’s Prophet, unlike any other prophet.  They said, *“Thus saith the Lord.”*He said, *“I say unto you.”*He is God’s Priest, unlike any other priest.  They brought a sacrifice.  He Himself is the sacrifice.  He is God’s King. Unlike any other King, His will is always done.  *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”*This is a command, and our right to trust this One to save us comes with the command!

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Christ’s warnings to the seven churches of Asia tell us what we need to beware of, and how easily we can fall into these faults. He rebuked the church at Ephesus for leaving their first love.  They were visibly sound in doctrine and empty in heart.  The church at Pergamos had the doctrine of Baalim (compromise) and the doctrine of the Nicolaitans (the name means above the people: clergy and laity). The church at Thyritea permitted Jezebel to teach.  They were rebuked, not for what they were doing, but for what they were permitting to be done. The church at Saridis was living off past faith, and appeared to be spiritually dying.  The church at Laodecai had become lukewarm.  They lost their sense of need.

How easy it is to fall into any of these errors. All five of these conditions, if continued in, will cause Ichabad to be written over the door.  May the Lord give us as individuals and as a church grace to give heed to these warnings.  Do not lose your first love, espouse false doctrine, tolerate what is contrary to the Gospel, live in the past, or become lukewarm.  If we do these things we are in dire straits.

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If a man could be saved by a lie it would be a lying salvation.  Truth alone can work results that are true. Therefore, keep on teaching the Truth. God help you to proclaim the precious Truth about the bleeding, dying, risen, exalted, coming Saviour; and God will bless it.      *- C. H. Spurgeon*

COME, BUT YOU CAN’T

Is it contradictory to tell someone to come and drink from the River of Life freely, but then tell them they are unable? Should we just tell men to come to Christ and leave out the part about God’s sovereign election and man’s total inability?  Many would say we are just confusing the message and restricting the free offer of salvation by telling men they can’t come unless the Father makes them willing by His irresistible grace which is according to His will and good pleasure. Why it is necessary when commanding men to come to Christ to tell them they can’t? Why are total depravity, unconditional election, limited atonement, and irresistible grace essential elements of the Gospel?  One simple reason…. without these truths, men will make a work out of coming.  Without these truths, men will be led to believe that God has done His part, now it is up to you to come.  No, men must trust Christ for their coming also.  If you bring anything to the table of salvation, even your coming, then grace is no longer grace and you are left in your sin. The Lord will do it all…. or He won’t do it at all.                                             *- Greg Elmquist*

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Those who have been saved are those who are *“being saved” (I Cor. 1:18; Phil. 2:12, 13).*Those who have learned of Christ are those who *“are learning”*of Him (*John 6:45; Matt. 11:29*).  Those who know the Lord are those who *“desire to know Him” (Phil 3:7-10).*  Those who have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ are those who continue to cry, *“Lord, I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory” (Exodus 33:18).*These are the people who by the grace of God can say, *“As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness” (Psalm 17:15).                                                                  - Maurice Montgomery*

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We are not desirous of honor, esteem and applause from men, for *“We are what we are by the grace of God.”*God can take away what we have as easily as He gave it. We do not despise and provoke one another with our piety; nor do we want to appear to be wiser, richer in grace, nor more gifted than others; for we are less than the least of all the saints. Nor do we envy the gifts, abilities, or grace of another.  God will enlighten us, equip us, and bless us as He sees fit to use us.                                        *- Henry Mahan*

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Mr. Spurgeon once said something like this: “When I looked at Christ the dove of peace flew into my heart. When I looked at my heart the dove of peace flew out.”