July 14, 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

Precious Savior, Friend of sinners

We, as such, to Thee draw near

Let Thy Spirit dwell within us

With that love that casts out fear.

Matchless Saviour, let us know Thee

As the Lord our righteousness

Cause our hearts to cleave unto Thee

Come, and with Thy presence bless.

Open now Thy precious treasure

Let Thy Word here freely flow

Give to us a gracious measure

‘Tis Thyself we long to know.

Come and claim us as Thy portion

Let us all find rest in Thee

Leave us not to empty notions

We would find our hope in Thee!

(Tune: “Jesus Calls Us” p. 374)

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

Birthdays

15th  – Betsy Burch              15th– Pam Murphy              16th– David Vincent

19th– Ida Isaac                   20th– Jonathan Carroll

*“He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.”                                          - Proverbs 17:9*

*“When I see the blood,”*I, by the grace of God, have more confidence in His eyesight than I do in my own.                 *– Scott Richardson*

OUR RULE OF LIFE

*“As many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.”  - Galatians 6:16*

            And what is the rule? *“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” (Galatians 6:14).*Glorying only in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ is the rule every believer is to walk by.  It is the only way we have peace, the only way we will experience mercy, and the only thing that proves us as the true Israel of God. To walk by any other rule is a denial of this rule.

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IF A MAN LOVE ME …… HE THAT LOVETH NOT

            There are two kinds of people in this world.  Those who love Christ and those who do not love Him.  The Lord gives a very simple and concise description of both.  *“If a man love Me, he will keep My words” (John 14:23).*The one who loves Christ agrees with Peter, *“Thou hast the words of eternal life,”*and is unwilling for any of Christ’s words to be changed in any way or to any degree!  His hope is found in Christ’s words!  *“He that loveth Me not keepeth not my sayings” (John 14:24).*  The one who does not love Christ does not find all of his hope in exactly what Christ has said in His Word.  Consequently he feels no need to guard over, preserve, and keep His Words.

            The one who loves Christ keeps His Word!  The one who does not love Him does not keep His Words.

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DELAY

*“Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto Me.”      - Exodus 22:29*

            It is sad that such a command is necessary.  To delay means to procrastinate.  Behind the procrastination is an unwillingness to obey the command. Hoping that perhaps circumstances will change to where obedience to the command is not necessary.  It grieves me to see such a spirit in myself.  The Lord gave all for me. How He loved me and loves me – and to serve Him in such guarded and measured ways.  Lord, deliver us from that kind of half-hearted service. *“Draw me, we will run after Thee.*

             I have loved to hear my Lord spoken of; now I am going to see Him.  I have seen the print of His shoe on the earth; now I am going to sit at His feet. I have read His Word; now I am going to hear His voice.  I have beheld His world; now I am going to dwell in His heaven where sin can never enter.

*- John Bunyan*

            It is ever the Holy Spirit’s work to turn our eyes away from self to Jesus; but Satan’s work is just the opposite of this, for he is constantly trying to make us regard ourselves instead of Christ.  He insinuates, “Your sins are too great for pardon; you have no faith; you do not repent enough; you will never be able to continue to the end; you have not the joy of His children; you have such a wavering hold of Jesus.”  All these are thoughts about self, and we shall never find comfort or assurance by looking within.  But the Holy Spirit turns our eyes entirely away from self: He tells us that we are nothing, but that “Christ is all in all.”  Remember, therefore, it is not *thy*hold of Christ that saves thee – it is Christ; it is not *thy*joy in Christ that saves thee – it is Christ; it is not even faith in Christ, though that be the instrument – it is Christ’s blood and merits; therefore, look not so much to thy hand with which thou art grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to thy hope, but to Jesus, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of thy faith. We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul.  If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by *“looking unto Jesus.”*  Keep thine eye simply on Him; let His death, His sufferings, His merits, His glories, His intercession, be fresh upon thy mind; when thou wakest in the morning look to Him; when thou liest down at night look to Him. Oh! Let not thy hopes or fears come between thee and Jesus; follow hard after Him, and He will never fail thee.

*- C. H. Spurgeon*

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            The believer’s eternal union with Christ is a subject that few seem to grasp, though it is written as with a sunbeam upon the pages of Holy Scripture.  We are *“Accepted in the Beloved,”*and have been from eternity.  That union of our souls with our Savior was made by the triune God Himself before the world began, and can never be dissolved or even altered. The Lord God sees us in His Son, as one with His Son, and as His Son, because we really are in His Son, as one with His Son, and as His Son.  Therefore it is written, *“…. as He is so are we.”*As no spot, blemish, or any such thing is in Christ, but only perfection, His Father is well pleased in Him, and with all who are in Him.  The Book of God declares,  *“He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness in Israel” (Numbers 23:21).*Therefore, we shall*“Have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as He is so are we in this world.”                                                 - Don Fortner*