October 13, 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

Great Father of glory, how rich is Thy grace!

What wonderful love is displayed in Thy face!

In Jesus Thy image, with brightness we view

With hope to be formed in that likeness anew.

Oh wonder of wonders!  Astonished I gaze

To see in a manger, the Ancient of Days!

From sin to release us, that yoke so long worn

My God, my Creator, of woman was born!

For unworthy sinners, my Lord bowed His head

For unworthy sinners, He suffered and bled

My spirit rejoices; the work is all done!

My soul is redeemed, my salvation is won!

Great Father of glory, how rich is Thy grace!

What wonderful love is displayed in Thy face!

In Him our Beloved, we’re washed in His blood

With confidence come to the throne of our God.

(Tune: “How Firm a Foundation” p. 268)

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We will observe the Lord’s Table this evening.

College Grove Grace Church Bible Conference is this weekend Oct. 18-20.

Birthdays

13th– Jaime Greenleaf         14th– Tom Fitzpatrick         14th– Maybelle Lynn

17th– Abigail Sullivan         18th– Dwayne Imes            18th– Julianna Rigsby

*“A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.”                                                                      - Proverbs 17:4*

*“It is the Lord: let Him do what seemeth Him good.” - I Samuel 3:18*

This was Eli’s response to Samuel’s message.  Samuel told him his house would be judged and his two sons would die because, *“They made themselves vile and he restrained them not.”*Two things. (1) Eli saw his own sin in the wickedness of his two sons.  He had been a poor parent.  (2) But he had such a trust in the Lord that he believed whatever He did was good because He did it.  No other explanation is needed.  This was not an unwilling resignation because there was nothing he could do to change it. But He believed whatever the Lord does is good.  He does not do it because it is good.  It is good because He does it.  That is the fruit of faith… a willing resignation to His will.   As the Lord said, *“Even so Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight”  (Luke 10:21).*

The believer has the new nature that never sins and the old nature that always sins. This does not provide him with an excuse for sin nor a reason to not battle his sin.  But it does explain why he is so sinful.  Amazingly and mysteriously it is the new man that owns and confesses the sins of the old man!

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On that day that I stand before God in judgment, due to my union with Jesus Christ, I will not stand, “Just as if I had never sinned.”  I will stand as one, “Who has never sinned.”  That is what true justification does for this sinner.          *- David Eddmenson*

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Neither salvation nor sanctification is in any way a cooperative effort.  When Peter was sinking beneath the waves, he did not say, “Lord, nothing is going to happen today that you and I together cannot handle.” He said, *“Lord, save me.”                                                      - Chris Cunningham*

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Martin Luther once gave some very good martial advice.  He said, “Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave.”

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There is not a word in the Bible that can be understood without reference to the cross.                                                                    *- Martin Luther*

THAT’S NOT FAIR

“That’s not fair” is a statement that you would expect to hear from a child on a school playground.  It is also a statement that we have come to expect to hear on the playground of man’s free-will works religion.  But the enlightened soul knows that “fair” would find us all in hell suffering under the wrath, judgment, and justice of God.  I don’t want what’s fair.  I don’t want what I have coming. I don’t want what I deserve. I want mercy.  I am so thankful that God gives sinners mercy for Christ’s sake.  The sovereign God of Scripture is discriminating.  God distinguishes some from others.  It is lawful, it is right, for God to do what He wills with His own *(Matt. 20:15)*.  God has mercy, but it is on whom He will have mercy. God will show compassion, but only on those whom He chooses to do so.   Is the redemption of some and the passing over of others fair? It is more than fair, it is right, it is just, making salvation a gracious act of God’s mercy. To those who cry, “That’s not fair”, the Scripture replies, *“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?  Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?” (Rom. 9:20).*Child of God, thank the Lord for His sovereign, saving, discriminating and distinguishing grace found in Christ Jesus.                                                                                      - *David Eddmenson*

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*“GOD OVER ALL”*OR NOT AT ALL!

If there is but one little germ somewhere in this vast universe which is not under God’s dominion and control, then two things are true: (1) God is not, *“God over all”*as the Scriptures so plainly and universally declare Him to be. (2) My life, health, and well-being is merely a matter of chance.  I cannot honestly thank God for life and health, nor can He honestly ask for nor receive thanks from me.

If there is but one demon somewhere out there in this vast universe which is not under God’s sovereign dominion and control, then my soul is in deep trouble; and if I am ever finally saved at all, it will be merely a matter of chance.  I have no power against demons, and if just one of them is active outside the sphere of God’s dominion and control, then the *“Sure mercies of David”*are not so sure at all.

The only sure hope for any real sinner is an absolutely sovereign Lord and Savior.  There and there only can a poor, weak, sinful soul confidently rest in peace. The great apostle to the Gentiles said, *“I know WHOM I have believed, and am persuaded that HE is able to KEEP that which I have committed unto HIM against that day” (II Tim. 1:12).*The great God and Savior of His people can and shall keep His saints because HE is indeed *“GOD OVER ALL”*.  Believe on HIM and thou SHALT be saved!

*- Maurice Montgomery*