October 20, 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

When this passing world is done

When has sunk yon radiant sun

When I stand with Christ on high

Looking o’er life’s history

Then, Lord, shall I fully know

Not ‘til then, how much I owe.

When I hear the wicked call

On the rocks and hills to fall

When I see them start and shrink

On the fiery deluge brink

Then Lord, shall I fully know

Not ‘til then, how much I owe.

When I stand before Thy Throne

Dressed in beauty not my own

When I see Thee as Thou art

Love Thee with un-sinning heart

Then, Lord, shall I fully know

Not ‘til then, how much I owe.

Chosen not for good in me

Wakened up from wrath to flee

Hidden in the Savior’s side

By His Spirit sanctified

Teach me, Lord, on earth to show

By Thy love, how much I owe.

(Tune: “For the Beauty of the Earth” p. 54)

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Birthdays

21st– Tim Scifres                                22nd– Samuel Kincer

24th– Carla Bryan                               27th– Norman Frye

*“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.”   - Proverbs 12:15*

IS GOD IN ALL YOUR THOUGHTS?

*“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God:  God is not in all his thoughts.”     - Psalm 10:4*

This does not mean a believer is continually thinking about God all of the time. He may go hours without thinking about Him at all. But he does believe that God is absolutely sovereign, in control of everything, everybody, and every event.  He believes that *“all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”*He knows that not a sparrow falls to the ground without his heavenly Father.  God is in all of his thoughts. The wicked through their pride and high thoughts of themselves and low thoughts of God have not God in all of their thoughts.  They think they have some control.  They believe themselves to have a free will that will determine their destiny. They will find out when it is too late that this was not true!

*“I am the way…. no man cometh to the Father but by Me.”*He is always the way, at all times, that excludes all other ways!  If we have had some liberty in prayer, reading the Scriptures, and have felt His presence, we dare not come on that ground.  If we have committed sin in a pre-meditated way, we are not to think that we cannot come because of that.  The implication of that kind of thinking is if we had not committed that sin we could come. At all times, for every believer, He is the only way to the Father.  We only come by Him.

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*“It pleased the Lord to bruise Him.”  - Isaiah 53:10*

The death of Christ pleased every attribute of the Father.  The death of Christ pleased God’s wisdom. The death of Christ enables God to be both just and justifier.  The death of Christ pleased God’s justice.   Christ suffered for the sin of His people until the debt was paid in full. The death of Christ pleased God’s mercy and grace.  The death of Christ enables God to be merciful to His people in justice because their sin has been put away.  Since Christ died God can justify the ungodly, God can forgive sin, and God can accept His people into His presence because He is pleased with them in Christ.*- Frank Tate*

If you feel terribly carnal, unspiritual, and unholy in someone’s presence, you can be sure that that is precisely the way that person intended to make you feel by his or her pretentious show of godliness.        *– Don Fortner*

CHRIST OUR SURETY

Our Surety is expressly said to have been made both sin and a curse for His redeemed, that they *“might be made the righteousness of God in Him” (II Cor. 5:21; Galatians 3:13).*And what a blessedness is there contained in this one view of the completeness of the church in Jesus!  So that, in the very moment that the child of God feels the workings of corruption within him, and is groaning under a body of sin and death, which he carries about with him, though he sees nothing in himself but sin and imperfection, yea, sometimes, as it appears to him growing imperfections, yet looking to the Lord Jesus as his Surety, and considering the Redeemer’s holiness, and not anything in himself, as the standard of justification, here he rests his well-founded hope.  This was blessedly set forth by the Holy Ghost -   *“Surely, shall one say, even to Him shall men come, and all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed” (Isaiah 45:24).                            - Robert Hawker*

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*“For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace.”*

*Hebrews 13:9*

Men may establish their heart with something other than grace, many do, but sooner or later they will find that they have built upon the sand.  Some establish their heart trusting in their free will, their decision, praying the sinner’s prayer, being baptized, church membership or their morality.  They establish their heart with a lie. Everything other than grace is something that man does, and God will not accept the works of fallen sinful man.

Grace speaks of what God has done and He does it all without merit or desert on the part of those who experience His amazing grace.  All of the sinner’s salvation is attributed to grace, and this is the way the heart must be established.  God’s eternal love, election, redemption by the blood of Christ, and the calling of the Holy Spirit are all because of God’s grace.  The apostle wrote, *“But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound” (Rom. 5:20).*

Grace gives all the glory to God in salvation!  *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).      - David Pledger*

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God does not permit things to happen. He purposed all that comes to pass in time before time began (*Romans 11:36; Isaiah 45:7*). And all that He ordained from eternity and performs in time is good.  Let men think and say what they will, God says concerning all that comes to pass in time, *“This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth” (Isaiah 14:26-27).*

*- Don Fortner*