November 10, 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 Saviour, 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.

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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We will have a church dinner on Sunday, November 24thfollowing the morning service.   There will be no evening service the 24thor Wednesday the 27th.

            All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Emily Elliott this Saturday November 16that 10:00am in the fellowship hall. Sign up sheet in the foyer.

Birthdays

10th– David Wright             11th– Elizabeth Charron           11th– Peggy Mohr

          11th– Hannah Summers                               11th– Jenny Williams

15th– Carter Steeves               16th– Pamela Weinstock

*“The discretion of a man deferreth his anger: and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.”                                                      - Proverbs 19:11*

DAVID ENCOURAGED HIMSELF IN THE LORD

            David’s town of Ziglag had been raided by the Amalekites.  David and his men return to find their wives, children, and goods gone*.  I Samuel 30:4*says they wept until they had no more power to weep. Verse 6 tells us, *“David was greatly distressed, for the people spake of stoning him.”*  He had the personal grief of losing his wives and children and his men were laying the blame at his feet.  There was nothing by way of circumstances to be encouraged about.  *“But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.”*No matter how dark things may appear, the believer always has a reason for encouragement.  The Lord is on the Throne ruling and reigning.  His will is always being done. He is All-powerful.  Nothing can prevent that.  He is too wise to err.  He is too kind to be cruel.  He is good all of the time.  As long as the Lord is God, no matter how bleak things may appear, we all have every reason to be encouraged.

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DOVE AND THE RAVEN

            Why did the dove return to the ark and the raven never return?  Because the raven could live off the dead, decaying animals drowned in the flood.  But the dove could not.  It had to return to the ark for its food. The raven represents the religious man who does not know Christ.  He is satisfied with the dead, rotting works of the flesh.  But the true believer must return to Christ his ark for food.  The mark of a true believer is that he is continually coming to Christ for the same thing!  Mercy and grace!  He cannot be satisfied with anything less.

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NOT ALL HOPE IS HOPE

*“They were confounded because they had hoped;*

*they came hither, and were ashamed.”  - Job 6:20*

There will be many who will be confounded when they stand before the Lord and hear Him say, *“Depart from me, I never knew you.”*

Many hope to go to heaven and to miss hell.  They hope in their morality, their faith, and their works; they hope in everything under heaven, but never in the one seated at God’s right hand.  Jesus Christ is all the hope that God the Father has given to sinners.  The only hope that any sinner has in salvation is Christ Himself; if I have Him, I have all that God demands.  O sinner, make sure that Jesus Christ is the sum and substance of all your hope; if so, all is well (*I Timothy 1:1*).                                           *- John Chapman*

LET US NOT BE DISCOURAGED

            We preach the Gospel of God’s sovereign, free grace in Christ Jesus the Lord; that salvation is in Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, according to the Word alone.  For the most part, the message is rejected, but do not be discouraged, it has ever been so! Elijah thought he was the only one left who believed God.  Isaiah wrote, *“Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?”*When the Lord Himself preached in His hometown of Nazareth, the people marveled at His gracious words when He spoke of the blessings, but when He spoke of sovereign mercy, they tried to kill Him!  The apostle Paul was accused of being a pestilent fellow, a mover of sedition, the ringleader of a sect and was imprisoned for preaching the Gospel.  But remember, it is written: *“The Word of God is not bound”, “My Word shall not fail”*and*“This is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.”                                                          - Charles Pennington*

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            Remember, sinner, 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 is the instrument) – it is Christ’s blood and merits; therefore, look not to the hope, but to Christ, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Christ, the author and finisher of thy faith.

*– C. H. Spurgeon*

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BEST FRIEND

            The best friend you can have on this earth is one who will tell you the truth. One who will not help make you comfortable in a refuge of lies. One who speaks the truth to you in love.  One who will continue to do so though you may not appreciate his doing so.  May I be such a friend that the blood of others be not on my hands.   *- Donnie Bell*