December 22, 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

Compared with Christ, in all beside

No beauty can I see

The one thing needful, dearest Lord

Is to be one with Thee.

The sense of Thy redeeming love

Into my soul convey

Thyself bestow, for Thee alone

My All-in All, I pray.

Less Than Thyself will not suffice

My comfort to restore

More than Thyself I cannot crave

And Thou cans’t give no more.

Loved of my God, for Him again

With love intense I’d burn

Chosen of Thee ere time began

I’d choose Thee in return.

(Tune: “According to Thy Gracious Word” p. 192)

There will be no evening service tonight or this Wednesday, Dec. 25th.  Merry Christmas to all and may everyone enjoy some time with family and friends!

Congratulations to Caleb and Susan Harding on the birth of their son Breck and to Sam and Emily Elliot on their birth of their son Miles!

All men are invited to the preacher’s class on Saturday, January 4th.

Birthdays

23rd– Rick Kelly                           25th– Paul Daniel

26th– Jake Murphy                        26th– Paul Walmsley

If we do not believe God is absolutely sovereign, the first cause behind all things, we do not believe He is sovereign at all.

*“Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.”   - Proverbs 10:2*

There is no way we can determine the birthday of Christ, but praise God there was the day of His birth, when God was manifest in the flesh!  When the child was born and the Son was given - the eternal Son was not born but given! And we know why the virgin was with child and conceived the eternal Son.  *“Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.”*  That is why He came!  And that is what He did!  When He said, *“It is finished”*, every one of His people were effectually, completely, and finally saved from their sins.  Saved in such a way that they are declared by God Himself to be justified. There is no sin to condemn them for through what Christ did coming to this earth.  We certainly do not know His birthday but everyday we celebrate the day of His birth, the day of His death, and the day of His resurrection!  To set aside one day is not enough!  Every day, every hour, every second is the time to praise Him for His advent!

*“Let us not therefore judge one another any more”*

*Romans 14:10*

To judge somebody is a sin!  God commands us not to do it.  We are sinning in the judgment we make concerning someone else’s sin.  To judge another is hypocritical, because we are told, *“Thou that judgest doest the same things” (Romans 2:1).*And in judging people we set ourselves up to be carefully scrutinized and judged by others.  *“Judge not that ye be not judged” (Matt. 7:1).*Is it not painfully and accurately true that we have far too many of our own sins to judge someone else’s.  So may I remember when I judge someone, I am sinning, playing the hypocrite, and making things more difficult for myself by opening the door for others to judge me.

Obviously, the apostle Paul did not believe in “progressive sanctification,” like many today.  He wrote, *“O wretched man that I am,”*not, “O wretched man that I was.”I surely do not own that Paul thought He was getting better.  I know that we grow in grace in the knowledge of the Lord (*II Peter 3:18)*, but what child of God can be more sanctified than another?  Can you be more “set apart” unto holiness?  Is holiness given in different measure?  No! I am right now in Christ Jesus perfect, for Christ is made unto me wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption *(I Corinthians 1:30)*.                                                            *- David Eddmenson*

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Regeneration makes no alteration on the flesh, but on the spirit.  There is nothing in the flesh made holy.  And there is nothing in the spirit left unholy.                                                            *- Robert Hawker*

WHAT GOD SAYS GOES

Is that Scriptural?

1. God said, *“Let there be light,”*and the Bible says, *“and there was light.” (Genesis 1:3)*

2. Christ said, *“Peace be still,”*and the Scriptures declare, *“and the wind ceased and there was a great calm.” (Mark 4:39)*

3. Our Lord called, *“Lazarus, come forth,”*and the Bible immediately responds and says, *“and he that was dead came forth.” (John 11:43-44)*

Our Lord through the prophet Isaiah said, *“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).*It sure sounds to me like what God says goes.

*- David Eddmenson*

Sooner could the ocean prove too little for a small fish or the sky be too small for a swallow than the grace of God prove insufficient for one of God’s people.  Not all their weaknesses, failures or sins can use it up. *- Joe Terrell*

NUMBER THE DAYS

Richard Baxter once said, “I preach as one who may never preach again and as a dying man to dying men.” We need to learn the all-important lesson, *“It is appointed unto men once to die,****but after this the judgment****,”*and live our days in Christ, awaiting His call.

It is so foolish to set our affection on a dying world and its short-lived comforts and relationships. Ryle said, “For a moment of time, men lose a glorious eternity.”  We are toiling and wearying ourselves about trifles, running to and fro like ants on a hill to build that which shall soon crumble, not realizing that in a few years we shall all be gone and another generation will fill our place.  *“Lord, teach ME to number my days that I may apply my heart to WIDSOM.”*   *- Henry Mahan*

HUMBLE AND OBEDIENT

His death was by free consent.  He that is hanged is accursed of God.  Crucifixion was such a humiliating death.  It was reserved for the scum of the earth, reserved for those who had been forsaken by God and man.  He was mocked, cursed, spit upon, scourged by men, smitten and forsaken of God.  He freely and willingly, without reluctance, gave of Himself.  Scripture teaches that neither God nor man forced Him.  He humbled Himself and became obedient.                                                     *- Scott Richardson*