January 26, 2020

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

Christ bears the name of all His saints

Deep on His heart engraved

Attentive to the state and wants

Of all His love has saved.

In Him a holiness complete

Light and perfection shine

And wisdom, grace, and glory meet

A Savior all Divine.

The blood, which, as a priest, He bears

For sinners is His own

The incense of His prayers and tears

Perfumes the Holy Throne.

In Him my weary soul has rest

Though I am weak and vile

I read my name upon His breast

And see the Father smile.

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

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We rejoice with Silas Benton who will confess Christ in baptism at the close of the service this morning.

We will have a Bible Conference May 1-3.

Vacation Bible School will be June 23-25.

Birthdays

26th– Emily Elliott                                        26th– Mike Farmer

26th– Lynn Nibert                                         30th– Jonathan Holbrook

*“A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.”   - Proverbs 15:1*

When Moses asked the Lord to show him His glory, what attribute did the Lord give him first?  *“I will make all My goodness to pass before thee.”*God is good all the time.  He is essentially good, absolutely good, and all He does is good!  All of His attributes are holy and all of His attributes are good.  His way of salvation by the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ is a declaration of His goodness!  Paul said in *Romans 2:4, “It is the goodness of God that leadeth thee to repentance.”*If you and I ever repent, it is an act of God’s goodness toward us, and not our goodness.  Only God is good.  *“There is none that doeth good, no not one.”*I hope we never think, speak, or act in a way that clouds His goodness.  I repeat, God is good all the time.  All He does is good because He is good.  He is a good God!  That is why He has mercy and grace. His goodness is seen in His giving and His forgiving.  HE IS GOOD!

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After the householder sent the workers out at 6:00am for a penny a day, he said to the ones that began at 9:00am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm, and 5:00pm, *“Whatsoever is right, I will give you.”*That is a universal truth. They were all given the same thing.  A penny!  And it was right!  How could it be fair for them to be given the same thing when one worked twelve times more than the other?  Because they were all given the righteousness of Christ, and having His righteousness as their own, He gave them what was right.  Whether in grace or judgment He gives whatsoever is right!

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Man’s entire apostasy and death in sin, so that he cannot save himself, and God’s entire supremacy, so that He saves whom He will, are doctrines exceedingly distasteful to human pride.  But they are Scriptural.  Why was one thief saved and the other lost?  *“Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Thy sight” (Matt. 11:25-27).*  God was not bound to save the one and He had power enough to have saved the other, and neither could save himself.  What made the difference?  The Sovereign grace of God! *- Horatius Bonar*

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Salvation is not accomplished, in any way determined by, or in any way dependent upon the will of man. Salvation is accomplished, determined by, and dependent upon the will of God alone *(Romans 9:16)*. *– Don Fortner*

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Some translations translate, *“Esau have I hated”*as, *“Esau have I loved less.”* Can an infinite God love less?

LOVE AND JUSTICE

Someone may ask, “How could a loving God send someone to hell?”

God has never, nor will He ever, send anyone He loves to hell. The problem with that question is twofold.  First, it assumes God loves everyone. That simply is not true. There is no sense in which God loves everyone. His love is perfectly holy, eternal, and immutable. *“I am the Lord and I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed” (Mal. 3:6)*.  *“I have loved thee with an everlasting love” (Jer. 31:3)*.  His love is particular for His elect. *“Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated” (Rom. 9:13)*.  Most important, His love is only found in Christ. *“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:39)*.

The second problem with that question is that it ignores God’s justice. Truth is, a loving God would never send someone to hell, but a JUST God will and must.  *“He will by no means clear the guilty” (Ex. 34:7).*His justice must be satisfied.  *“Herein is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (I John 4:10).* *- Greg Elmquist*

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The atonement does not change the nature and character of God, but rather, the atonement honors and magnifies the character of God.  The death of Christ is not the cause of God’s love, but the result of it.  God is not merciful because Christ died.  Christ died because God is merciful.  In order that every attribute might be expressed, glorified, and honored, God gave His Son to be the Savior of His chosen people! Thank God!  There is an atonement BEFORE THE LORD!  *- Henry Mahan*

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A congregation cannot be said to welcome the Lord Jesus unless they are all there, which requires punctuality; unless they have come with design to meet Him, which implies prayerful expectancy; unless they are ready to hear from Him, which involves attention; and unless they are resolved to accept His teaching, which demands obedience.       *– C. H. Spurgeon*

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The believer is a mystery to others and to himself, also.  He is sanctified, yet he feels himself to be the chief of sinners.  He loves God’s law, yet he wrestles with an inward desire to have his own way.  He has great sorrow and heaviness of heart over others, yet he rejoices in the Lord always. His spirit longs to be with Christ, yet his flesh clings to the earth.  He knows that he is secure in Christ, yet he examines his faith continually.        *- Copied*