October 14, 2018

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 OF THE DAY

All things together work for good

For sinners saved by grace

We know things happen as they should

For all God’s chosen race, For all God’s chosen race.

Our mighty Savior rules above

And nothing can destroy

The special people of His love

This fills our hearts with joy, This fills our hearts with joy.

What though the world, and Satan too

Against our souls assail?

We know the Word of God is true

And Jesus cannot fail, And Jesus cannot fail.

Who can a charge against us place

When God has justified?

Redeemed and called by sovereign grace

We shall be glorified, We shall be glorified.

Who shall condemn to endless hell

When Christ for us has died?

Our Savior rose and lives to tell

That God is satisfied, That God is satisfied.

(Tune: “Majestic Sweetness” p. 52)

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The College Grove Grace Church Bible Conference is October 19-21.

Birthdays

 14th– Tom Fitzpatrick     14th– Maybelle Lynn     17th– Abigail Sullivan

18th– Dwayne Imes               18th– Julianna Rigsby

*“Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.”                                     - Proverbs 27:2*

WHAT SHOULD WE WANT MEN TO SEE?

*“Let your moderation be known to all men” – Philippians 4:5*

            There is no such thing as private faith.  If we do have faith in Christ, there is something men will see.  And it should be that way. *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*What should we want believers and unbelievers alike to see? Paul says,*“Let your moderation be known to all men.”*  The word moderation does not refer to temperance in eating and drinking.  It is not being moderate in political views.  It is usually translated gentle.  Vine’s Greek dictionary defines it… “Equitable, fair, moderate, fore-bearing, not insisting on the letter of the law; it expresses that considerateness that looks humanely and reasonably of the facts of a case; gentleness in contrasts to contentiousness. Moderation is closely associated with meekness, humility, and patience.  One man called it a sweet reasonableness.  When men look at us, may this be what they see…moderation!

            Giving from what we have left after all our bills are paid and our entertainment is taken care of is not giving!  We give first before anything else if we give aright.  It is giving that proves the sincerity of our love *(II Cor. 8:7-8)*.  If love to God is manifest by how much men say they love Him or by how much men give, which would be the most accurate barometer? What they say or what they give? We all know the answer to that question.

            People do what they want to do.  They do what they do freely and un-coerced.  People were not forced to crucify Christ.  Pilate was said to have, *“Delivered Jesus to their will.”* While they were acting freely and un-coerced, they were doing neither more nor less than *“Whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel determined before to be done.”*Men do precisely what they want, and God exercises absolute sovereignty over man’s will – a paradox; but certainly not a contradiction.  They are both true.

FAITH AND WORKS

            The Word of God, from beginning to end, plainly, clearly, continually, and emphatically declares that sinners are justified by the sovereign, immutable purpose and free grace of God, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and that even the sinner’s faith is a gift of God, wrought in his soul by the Holy Spirit.  No sinner has ever been justified and reconciled unto God through his own works, but through faith and confidence in Christ and His accomplished work for sinners.

            However, the Word of God is equally clear in revealing that that faith which is *“without works is dead.”*Such faith is a delusion, a vain dream, a lie!  Those who profess and hold on to a faith which leaves them indifferent to the hearing of the Gospel, the preaching, propagation and support of the Gospel, and the fellowship of those who love the Gospel, are professing something which they do not possess and holding on to something they would be better off without.  Noah **heard**, and **believed**, and **moved with fear**.                  *- Maurice Montgomery*

DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY

            The sovereignty of God may be defined as the exercise of His supremacy.  Being infinitely elevated above the highest creature, He is the Most High, Lord of heaven and earth.  Subject to none, influenced by none, absolutely independent. God does as He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases.  None can thwart Him, none can hinder Him.  So His own Word expressly declares: *“My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure” (Isaiah 46:10); “He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand” (Daniel 4:35).*Divine sovereignty means that God is God in fact, as well as in