OPENING HYMN #36

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will attempt to resume physical services on Sunday, April 4th.
- Brother Daniel "Moose" Parks will be postponing his trip to the mainland. I will keep you updated concerning when he will be able to come.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Cass H.

Wed-Bob M.

WORSHIP HYMN #318

I Need Thee Every Hour

OFFERING

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:7

WORSHIP HYMN #58

Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee

MESSAGE

FAITH DURING TROUBLE

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CLOSING HYMN #186

The Church's One Foundation

"And he (The Lord) said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy." Exodus 33:18,19

Mercy is, "not getting what we truly do deserve". Grace is, "getting what we truly don't deserve". God showed mercy to us when He gave Christ what we deserved. And God showed grace to us when He gave us what Christ deserved. Christ received our sin, and we received His reward. Christ received our rejection, and we received His acceptance. Christ received our death, and we received His life. If God ever gives us the eyes of faith to see that, He will have shown us His glory!" —

When to Obey and Disobey

Paul told Titus "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work," (Titus 3vI). As believers of the true and living God, it matters how we conduct ourselves in this world. We are to remember to submit ourselves to those that have the rule over us. We are to be ready to do every good work.

How can we have confidence that we should obey the powers set over us? Our merciful, loving, and gracious Master is on His throne in the heavens (*Rom 13v1-2*). He determines who is on an earthly throne, who is in power, and what dominions (territories of powers) we live in (*Col 1v16*). The government is on His shoulder (*Isa 9v6*). By God's grace, we do not submit to the earthly authority alone- but to Christ, the supreme authority!

Is there a time and reason to disobey? Peter and John faced this issue when they were brought before the council and high priest (*Acts chp. 4 and 5*). They were commanded to neither speak of, nor teach in, the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter and John replied "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye".

It is right to submit to the authority placed over us. As much as we are able, to live peaceably with all men ($Rom\ 12v18$). Unless, it is directly opposed to the truth of Christ. "For we can only speak the things which we have seen and heard" ($Acts\ 4v20$).

If the time arises in the life of a child of God to disobey mans authority, it will be only for the Gospel's sake. And rest assurd, the grace needed to do such a difficult and fearful thing will be abundantly provided.

A SAD BUT EVIDENT FACT

Down through the years there have been many men and women who have heard the truth, and have apprehended the truth, but who have never been apprehended by the truth. They have "gotten hold of the truth," but the truth has never "gotten hold of them!"

This is evidenced by the fact that they are able to compromise the truth or turn away from it completely. I have seen some turn from the truth of God to fables and commandments of men (II Tim. 4:4; Titus 1:14). Others I have seen turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness, denying the power of God and His grace in the believer's heart (Jude 4). Still others, like Demas, I have observed going altogether back to this present, evil world (II Tim. 4:10). It would have been much better for them had they never had the privilege of hearing the gospel, than to have heard it and turned away from it (II Peter 2:20-22).

Concerning the truth; that is, the salvation of guilty, hell-deserving sinners by Jesus Christ, there is not the slightest doubt in my mind (and heart) but that what I believe, confess and preach (what we believe) is the truth of Scripture. We have "gotten hold" of that truth, and thus far, by the grace of God, have not been able to compromise or turn away from it. That is because the truth has "gotten hold" of our souls. Christ crucified is no mere doctrine to us. HE IS OUR LIFE!

"Keep us Lord, O keep us cleaving To Thyself, and still believing."

- Maurice Montgomery

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

God hath in Himself all power to defend you, all wisdom to direct you, all mercy to pardon you, all grace to enrich you, all righteousness to cloth you, all goodness to supply you and all happiness to crown you.

- Thomas Brooks (1608-1680)

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"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Rev 22:17



"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." *1Cor 8:6*