

OPENING HYMN #309

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Lord willing, brother Andy Davis will be here to preach the gospel of God's free grace in Christ on Saturday, December 8. We plan to meet at 6:00 pm.
 - Brother Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach the gospel here on Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16. Lord willing, we will meet Saturday at 6:30 pm with supper following, and Sunday at our regular time.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:1-31

WORSHIP HYMN #53

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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 #231

Jesus Saves!

MESSAGE

SIN LAID UPON CHRIST

ISAIAH 53:6

CLOSING HYMN #18

Now Thank We All Our God

THINGS TO PONDER

Christ did not come to make salvation possible for as many people as might someday decide to accept him as their personal savior. The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to make salvation CERTAIN for all those the Father gave Him in the covenant of grace. If this is not so, it is not possible for anyone to be saved.

- Pastor Frank Tate

For he (God) hath made him (the Lord Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Cor 5:21

“He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law” (Isaiah 42:4).

To you who believe the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, this is one of the most precious promises in all scripture (2 Peter 1:4). The Lord Jesus Christ has been appointed by Almighty God and sent in the fullness of time (Gal.4:4) to accomplish all our salvation (John 17:4). The success of His work is guaranteed by the decree of God (Acts 2:23; Isa. 46:9-12). It is sad but true, every sinner has miserably failed to honor God and produce a righteousness that would satisfy Him, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). However, this gives us all the more reason to rejoice and trust our Great Saviour, Surety that cannot fail (Heb.7:25). Although He met with fierce opposition (John 19:15) and had great difficulties to overcome (Heb. 4:15), He always went about doing the will and work of God with perfection and without fail (John 4:34).

This leads us to consider what work did He undertake as the Saviour and Surety of His covenant people, in which He did not fail? Think about these things!

1). He did not fail, to fulfill every type, picture, prophecy and promise recorded in the Old Testament scriptures. “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39; Luke 24: 25-27,44-46). What God promised in the covenant of grace our Lord Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled (Rom.4:21).

2). He did not fail, to honor, magnify and exalt the holy law of God for His covenant people, (Isa. 42:21). “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil” (Matt. 5:17). He established a perfect righteousness for His people and sovereignly and freely imputes it unto them (Rom. 4: 4-8; Isa.61:10).

3). He did not fail, to make complete and eternal atonement for the sin of His covenant people, “but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself” (Heb. 2:17; 9:26). The Good Shepherd gave His life as the sacrifice for the sin of His sheep (Jn. 10:15; 1 Peter 3:18).

4). He shall not fail, to justify, redeem, sanctify, call and glorify all His covenant people. “Whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified” (Rom. 8:30).

Our very hope of salvation and joy of eternal life is based upon the unfailing, perfect, eternal and complete work of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who cannot fail (John 17:1-5)!

-Pastor Tom Harding

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED?

Holy Scriptures teach an effectual atonement based upon the fact of Who He was who died to atone. Such a blood shedding could never be in vain in any sense when we consider the infinite value of the person who shed His blood. Paul, to show the value of the atonement, first tells us who He is Who died; “Jesus Christ,” he said; and then, “and him crucified.” Well how much value do we put on Jesus Christ? Better yet, how much value does God the Father put on Him? The Father calls Him a Savior, a great one, a mighty one, and says of Him, “He shall deliver them.” (Is 19:20). The fact that it is Christ’s blood is what makes it effectual. “The blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son cleanseth us from all sin.” What else could the blood of such an infinite One do but accomplish the task for which it was shed? “He came to save His people from their sins.” (Matt 1:21). And how was He to accomplish such a great task? By giving His own blood! By pouring it out while hanging on a cross! The blood atoned for sins and cleanses from all sins because it is Christ’s blood. One man said it this way, “the words ‘the blood’ never stand alone; the One Who shed the blood is invariable specified, for it is the Person that gives value to the work; the saving efficacy of the Death depends entirely upon the fact that He Who died was the Son of God.” Let us first and foremost receive the testimony of the Holy Scriptures concerning the infinite and eternal value of the Son of God. Having received that testimony in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit, then we will never undervalue that atonement which such an infinite person accomplished. I am convinced this is one reason some deny the effectual atonement of Christ; they place little value on Him. Let every man examine his own conscience. Can you, knowing who He is, say to Him with a clear conscience, “you failed?” “You, the Lord of glory, died in vain?” Can you say such a thing without your conscience smiting you? What think ye of Jesus crucified must be answered in the light of what think ye of Jesus Christ himself.

-Pastor Bruce Crabtree

In Scripture the word “heart” is commonly used, not in reference to that physical organ that pumps blood through the body, but to the seat of our passions, the source of motivation, the inner self of one’s being. In all our approaches to God, it is the heart that is required. He says, “My son, give me thine heart.” — “With the heart man believeth.” Without the heart all acts of religion, all pretenses of faith, and all assertions of conviction are a vain “show in the flesh.”

-Pastor Don Fortner

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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