

OPENING HYMN #53

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Aaron Greenleaf from Todds Road Grace Church is scheduled to preach here on Saturday and Sunday, May 5&6, Lord willing. We will meet Saturday evening at 6:30 and Sunday at our regular time. We plan to have dinner and a time of fellowship after the Saturday evening service, all are welcome. Invite a friend!
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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 13:38-52

WORSHIP HYMN #469

I've Found A Friend

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 #125

Jesus Paid It All

MESSAGE

WHAT A CHANGE GRACE HAS MADE

ISAIAH 11:1-9

CLOSING HYMN #18

Now Thank We All Our God

THINGS TO PONDER

The Lord never calls for his people to stay in Babylon, try to preserve Babylon, reform Babylon, or teach Babylon. His call is always, “Come out of her” (Isaiah 48:20; 52:11; Jeremiah 50:8; 51:6, 45; 2 Corinthians 6:17; Revelation 18:4).

-Pastor Don Fortner

A man cannot be thoroughly humbled till he realizes that his salvation is utterly beyond his own powers, counsels, efforts, will and works, and depends absolutely on the will, counsel, pleasure and work of another – God alone.

– Martin Luther

"Dead To The Law!"

Galatians 2:19-21

Legalism is on the rise everywhere. And it comes under many names: Romanism, Liberalism, Fundamentalism, and even Reformed Theology. The legalist never says, "We are saved by works alone." The legalist says, "Salvation is by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone, but..." And then he inserts some work or condition which man must add to the grace of God to make salvation complete. Legalism is always subtle. It is always an attempt to mix works and grace. The legalist may cry out vehemently, "I am preaching grace!" But if it comes out sounding like works, looking like works, and smelling like works, it probably is works. In Galatians 2:19-21 Paul tells us three things which should prevent any who profess faith in the name of Christ from ever being led into legalism.

1. EVERY BELIEVER IS DEAD TO THE LAW! "I through the law am dead to the law." Paul does not say we have no regard for the law. We do. But he is saying that we who believe are dead to the law. We are dead to the law by the law's own testimony, by its fulfilment and satisfaction by Christ, our Substitute (Rom. 7:4). He fulfilled the law's righteousness in his life and satisfied it's justice for us in his death.

2. THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S FREE GRACE IN CHRIST PROMOTES GODLINESS. The legalists favorite weapon to use against God's gospel is to slanderously accuse free grace of promoting licentiousness among those who believe it. But their straw man has no legs. They say we must have either law or licentiousness. But that is not so. Hear the testimony of Scripture - "I through the law am dead to the law, THAT I MIGHT LIVE UNTO GOD. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

3. ANY MIXTURE OF LAW AND GRACE IS BOTH A FRUSTRATION OF THE GRACE OF GOD AND A DECLARATION THAT CHRIST DIED IN VAIN - (v. 21). To declare that righteousness comes, to any degree, by legal obedience is to deny the gospel of grace and to say that the blood of Christ was a useless waste! Such doctrine we cannot and will not tolerate. It both blasphemes God and destroys the souls of men.

-Pastor Don Fortner

Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

-Galatians 5:4

Mortify Your Members Which Are Upon Earth

Colossians 3:5

The word "mortify" means to deaden, subdue, or be dead. As Paul wrote in Rom. 6:11, "Reckon yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ, our Lord." What means can be used to subdue our sinful tendencies?

1. LABOR TO SUPPRESS THE THOUGHTS OF SIN. The old nature with its appetites and desires cannot be annihilated, but it can be suppressed by not cultivating and enjoying the thoughts of sin.

2. CONSIDER WHAT A WRETCHED THING SIN IS. It is called "the filthiness of the flesh and spirit" (II Cor. 7:1). Sin is called "the works of the devil," and our sins crucified our Lord.

3. PASS THE TIME OF YOUR SOJOURNING HERE IN FEAR. "The fear of the Lord is a bridle to sin," said Mr. Spurgeon. Solomon wrote, "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil" (Prov. 16:6). It is said of the wicked, "There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. 3:18).

4. AVOID THE COMPANY OF WORLDLY PEOPLE. He who would not catch the flu should stay away from people who have the flu. If you would suppress your evil nature, cultivate the fellowship of believers whose language, amusements, and conduct honor God.

5. BE OFTEN IN THE SERVICES OF WORSHIP AND PREACHING. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16).

6. BE MUCH IN PRAYER. "Hold up my goings, Lord, in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not" (Psa. 17:5). Here is a prayer I found in some old clippings which fits well here. "Lord, keep me from dishonoring Thee. Keep me from these defiling sins of my day, that I may not be worse for the times, nor the times worse because of me. Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins. Keep me; for as a little child is only safe in the parent's arms, so I am only safe in Thee."

- Pastor Henry Mahan

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

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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