
ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are thankful to welcome Pastor Don Fortner from Grace Baptist Church of Danville, Kentucky this weekend.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sat:

Sun:

OPENING HYMNS

Sat: #295 He Leadeth Me

#75 Abide With Me

Sun: #222 There Is A Fountain

#58 Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

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*

MESSAGE

SAT -

SUN -

CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #360 Speak Lord, in the Stillness

Sun: #116 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

THINGS TO PONDER

A Blessed Assembly

Spurgeon once said "I don't know which renders the greater service - the man who preaches or the man who prays, but I know this, we can do better without the voice than without the heart of prayer!"

Blessed and happy is that assembly of redeemed people, brought together and baptized into one body by His Spirit, whose love for the Lord Jesus and for one another enables them to sing with one voice, pray with one heart, walk in one direction, and worship with one Spirit! Where each member realizes the importance of his presence, his prayers, his support, and his co-operation. Where Christ is Lord and all others are servants! Where the will of Christ is pre-eminent and all other wills and desires are in subjection! Where there are no young and old, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, but only Christ, who is all and in all.

-Henry Mahan 1927-2019

Our Blessed, Mysterious Union

"We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Ephesians 5:30

Child of God, can you begin to imagine what this text teaches? There is a living, loving, and lasting union between the Lord Jesus Christ and all his people. It is beyond imagination, but it is true -We are One with our Redeemer! What does this imply?

Certainly, it implies **A Similarity Of Nature** between Christ and his church. By the incarnation our Lord assumed our nature. He is God the Eternal Son. But he is also a real man. As a man, he lived in perfect righteousness, died as our Substitute, arose from the grave, and reigns in glory. Ever rejoice in the eternal Deity of Christ; but never forget that your Savior is a real man. And by the new birth the Son of God has given us his nature. We are "partakers of the divine nature." Christ bears our nature in heaven, and we bear his nature upon the earth. The text also implies **An Intimate Relationship**. We are wed to the God-man! We cannot understand this relationship, but we can enjoy it. Christ espoused us to be his bride before the world began. He redeemed us for himself He prepared our wedding garments. He allured us into the wilderness and there won our hearts by his all-prevailing love. My God, my Maker, my Redeemer, my Savior, my King is also my Husband. "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; his love is better than wine." Again, the text implies **A Mysterious Origin**. As Eve was taken from the side of Adam, the church was born from the bleeding side of Christ, the Second Adam. He died that we might live. And these words imply **A Loving Possession**. We belong to Christ. "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." For many years we lie in the arms of another. But all the while we belonged to him who loved us, chose us, and redeemed us. Once more, our text implies **A Vital Union**. "We are members of his body." Those words imply much more than unity. They imply identity. We are One With Christ! He must have us. The Head cannot be complete without his body. The King must have his subjects. The Shepherd must have his sheep. This is a vital union. Christ **MUST** have his redeemed ones. And we **MUST** have him.

"We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bone." What does this union secure for us? It secures eternal salvation, absolute safety, and the perfection of eternal glory. The Lord will not share his glory with another. But we are one with him. And **WE SHALL HAVE THE VERY GLORY OF CHRIST!**

-Pastor Don Fortner

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

John 3:7

It Pleased the Lord Through Preaching

Acts 12:25, 13:1-3

In this text, we have the account of how the Lord faithfully sent forth Barnabas and Saul to the Gentile world. God has an elect people whom he has determined to save OUT OF all corners and people of this world in Christ Jesus. (Genesis 22:17,18 Christ the Seed- Gal. 3:16; Galatians 3:8,9.)

This gospel of Christ the Seed was preached unto Abraham and this same gospel shall be preached to all God's elect scattered throughout the entire world. God uses his church to do so. The very wisdom of God which chose his people in Christ, the very wisdom which accomplished the work whereby mercy and peace have met in harmony in Christ our Substitute, is the same wisdom of God which chose that the instrument he would use to proclaim his gospel would be his church in this world.

The believer—who is perfectly complete in Christ to enter glory right now—remains in this world because God choose to use saved sinners to carry his gospel to his elect and save them through the gospel of our glorified Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:21.)

Just as the work of election, of redemption, and of regeneration is the work of our triune God even so the work of raising and equipping his witnesses is the work of our Lord. God's ambassadors' are called of God; God gives his saints a heart to recognize his messengers and to support them in God's work; God separates them to the work he would have them to do; God's messengers are filled and led by the Spirit of God. Thus they go forth preaching the gospel of Christ and him crucified.

-Pastor Clay Curtis

Truth condemns every departure from the Truth

When I hear it said, "Such and such do not believe the doctrines of sovereign grace and substitution, but they love the Lord and are saved," I wonder and ask, "What then was the Bible written for?"

Is it no infallible expression of the mind of GOD? Is it no standard of Truth? Are we to believe what appeals to us and deny the rest? God forbid! God's Word declares the oneness of Truth and condemns every departure from the Truth as a direct attack on God Himself!

Do not tell me that a man's heart is right with God when his head contains a creed of error and denies the Person and Work of the Redeemer.

-Horatius Bonar

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10:30 AM Morning Worship Service

Wednesday 6:30 PM Mid-week Worship Service

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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