

OPENING HYMN #53

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Lord willing we plan to have a Sovereign Grace bible conference to celebrate the ordination of our pastor Kevin Thacker the weekend of December 6-8. Pastor's Don Fortner and Clay Curtis are scheduled to join us in this celebration of Kevin's calling to the work of preaching the gospel to this generation.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:1-31

WORSHIP HYMN #431

I Love to Tell the Story

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 #314

I Am Thine, O Lord

MESSAGE

OUR GOD, HIS ENEMIES, BLESSED SECURITY

JUDE 1:1-25

CLOSING HYMN #449

To God Be the Glory

THINGS TO PONDER

“No one ever wanted a new heart until he had one.”

- B. B. Caldwell

“Faith in Christ is not to work but to cease from our labor and to rest in Him for all things. Faith in Christ is not to do anything, but to believe and own that all is done in Him, by Him, and is imputed to us so fully that we are rewarded as if we did it ourselves!”

- Henry Mahan

A people hungering after righteousness and a preacher anxious to feed their souls will act in sweet harmony with each other when their common subject is Jesus Christ the Lord.

-Scott Richardson

The Justification of Life

“Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.”

Romans 5:18

What a glorious work is the work of God’s effectual call. In John 5: 25 the Lord said, “Verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.” To believe on Christ is nothing less than being raised from the dead. It is to be given a full, free, and complete justification from the sins which bound us in this death to the righteous privilege of walking in the newness of life. There is nothing that the dead can do for themselves. For them to live one with the power and right to make it come to pass must command them to come out of the tomb.

Death is not an unfortunate accident but the just condemnation of God. “By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned.” (Romans 5: 12) He is the prisoner of justice and judgment, he is the prisoner of the god of this world, and he is a prisoner of his own evil nature. The raising of this man then is not a matter of will or decision but the satisfaction of the law and justice of God. He is a prisoner by God’s just decree and must by a just decree be again set free. “Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.”

The effectual calling of God’s elect is not so much owing to argument and unknown facts as it is to the just decree of God to set them free. This free justification of grace was accomplished over two thousand years ago on Calvary’s cross. It is this same justification of grace set before men from Genesis to Malachi. (see Romans 3:24-26) Hear the truth of this doctrine by the words of the Holy Ghost himself, “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly place in Christ Jesus: That (in order that) in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus, for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast.”

-pastor Darvin Pruitt

“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.”

Proverbs 16:6

Two Natures in One Person

The eternally begotten Son of God necessarily from eternity possesses the divine nature – that of His Father. When the Son of God in His incarnation became Son of Man, He received the human nature (but not its Adamic sin). He did not cease to be the Son of God. Nor did He become devoid of the divine nature. Nor was the divine nature changed into the human nature. Rather, He remained one person but now had two natures: the divine nature as the Son of God, and the human nature as the Son of Man.

Likewise, naturally begotten sons of men necessarily from birth possess the human nature – that of their fathers. When sons of men in their regeneration become sons of God, they receive the divine nature (but not its essential deity). They do not cease to be sons of men. Nor do they become devoid of the human nature. Nor is the human nature changed into the divine nature. Rather, they remain one person but now have two natures: the human nature as sons of men, and the divine nature as sons of God.

This is the state of all who have become “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). They now have within their one person two natures: both “the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts” and “the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:22, 24). These two natures in man are in constant conflict with each other (Romans 7:15-25) – for the old nature can do nothing but sin, and the new nature can do nothing but righteousness. But the child of God delights in knowing that in the sight of God “Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed [the divine nature] remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God” (1John 3:9).

Missionary Daniel Parks

If You Be Circumcised

Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. (Galatians 5:2) It is a man’s guilt that makes Christ necessary for Him; but it is a man’s righteousness that will render Christ ineffective for him. The blood of Christ is the remedy for a man’s sin, but what shall avail for a remedy for a man’s righteousness? Only the sovereign work of the Holy Spirit of God is able to overcome a man’s resistance to the grace of the blood and to make him despair of even his righteousness. But, to refine the point even more, it is the Holy Spirit’s work in revealing the testimony of the blood of Christ that breaks the self-righteous will of man and makes him submit to Christ as his only righteousness before God. So it is the blood poured out by Christ that remedies the sin of a man, and it is that same blood revealed by the Holy Spirit that remedies the righteousness of man.

-pastor Joe Terrell

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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