

OPENING HYMN #309

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kevin and Kimberly had a smooth trip home last weekend. He sends us greetings and a hearty thank-you for our time together during his ordination celebration last weekend. Pray the Lord will provide for their journey here according to his sovereign purpose.
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SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:1-21

WORSHIP HYMN #468

I Will Sing the Wondrous 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 #295

He Leadeth Me

MESSAGE

SINNERS MADE RIGHTEOUS

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

CLOSING HYMN #256

It Is Well With My Soul

THINGS TO PONDER

Prayer is not just saying some words, some prayers cannot even be uttered with words but groans. Prayer is an attitude, it is communion with God all day, every day.

-pastor John Chapman

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Too many people in religion want to find out “when”. When was I saved? When was I justified? When was I born again? But we should be spending our time considering how glorious it is that God would save a sinner like me; justify the ungodly like me; and give life to a dead sinner like me.

-pastor Frank Tate

Separated Unto the Gospel

“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.” Romans 1:1

I suppose the only preacher who ever really deserved a title refused to take one. He shunned the praise of men and fleshly recognition. It was not Rev. Paul, or Dr. Paul, or Bishop Paul, or even the Apostle Paul – just Paul! The greatest man born of woman identified himself as only a voice in the wilderness. The angel of Patmos rebuked John for paying undue homage to him, saying, "Worship God!"

Paul considered himself only a bond-servant of Jesus Christ and felt that to be recognition enough and fit credentials to entitle him to be heard, but he added, "I am called to be an apostle." I did not take this responsibility upon myself – God put me in the ministry and I am separated unto the gospel. I will leave others to set in order the many ills of this world, to organize governments and correct the life-style of unbelievers my message is "Christ and Him crucified." it is true that the preacher of the gospel must eat and drink, his family must be supported, and he has expenses just as other men; but the man who is separated unto the gospel will live by that gospel.

When any opportunity, investment, or carnal duty creeps in and takes his precious time from the study and preaching of the gospel – it must go! When any association, relationship or social contact tries to build a fellowship on any other foundation than Christ – it must go! When he is tempted to demonstrate his knowledge of history, psychology, prophecy, personal counselling and politics, he must be wise enough to say, "Get thee behind me, Satan, for I am separated unto the gospel. I know how you hate the gospel of redeeming grace. I know how you will corrupt even the preacher's mind from the simplicity of Christ. I will not be deceived by your praise or by your offers of recognition or your offers of great power, or your offers of security in old age or your warnings of failure, persecution and loneliness. Which of the prophets have not religious men persecuted? I will be true to the gospel of substitution for I am separated unto the gospel.

-Henry Mahan

Come Hear

Since God is pleased by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe, should we not be continually urging our lost loved ones to come hear the Gospel? May God be pleased to open doors for us to go to this dying world and compel men and women to come in.

-pastor David Eddmenson

A Word About Trials

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you, but rejoice.” 1 Peter 4:12

If God has given you the privilege and opportunity to go through difficult and heavy trials, then you ought to make the most of that privilege and opportunity to glorify Him by being in subjection to Him, because it might only happen once in a lifetime. We don't desire to have severe trials nor do we pray for them. I don't know what I would do should a severe trial come my way. But I know what I ought to do! I ought to bless, thank, and worship God because it came from God! And I ought to conduct myself in such a way under this difficulty that the people of God, who love me and who I love, would say, “This thing called grace really works!”

In my experience I have seen so many people that had the opportunity and privilege afforded them by the hand of God to react during trial in such a manner that would display what they say they have experienced, and they miss that opportunity. It's one thing to talk of Calvinism, it's one thing to talk of how sovereign God is, but it's another thing to actually submit ourselves to the Lord of sovereignty! “Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.” Job 14:1.

We are going to have troubles and trials in this sin cursed world. But when God sends the difficulties, let us act like men and women who believe in, and submit to the God who is sovereign. Let's display the grace of God. Let's remain faithful to the public worship of God. Let's remain faithful to the Gospel. Let's remain faithful to the people of God. Let's not drop our witness but show that this grace is real and it really works! Let's show people that we love and worship God in the storm as well as in the sunshine. We should all commit our spouse to death, commit our children and relatives to death, so that when God takes them we can act like men and behave as though we knew it was going to happen, and glorify our sovereign God by a strong and faithful witness. And that faithfulness and witness will **HELP ENCOURAGE AND EXHORT OTHER BELIEVERS!** Always remember that God is the first cause of all things!

-pastor Scott Richardson

Two Constant Needs

One, I need God to constantly keep me from leaning to my own understanding, from looking to righteousness in me, from trusting holiness in me and from being entangled again in the yoke of bondage, lest I glory in myself. At the same time, I need God to keep making Christ unto me Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption, that I might glory only in the Lord.

-pastor Clay Curtis

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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