CALL TO WORSHIP

I Am His and He Is Mine #56

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- Our brother Cass Hodson has gone to be with the Lord. Remember the Hodson family in your prayers as the Lord enables you.
- Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here on Wednesday, January 4th. Invite a friend!

HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God #164

LESSON - "Naming the Name of Christ"

2Tim 2:19

MESSAGE - "The Foundation of God Stands Sure" 2:Tim 2:19

- pastor Gabe Stalnaker

CLOSING HYMN

Day by Day #299

"For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee."

Isaiah 54:10

Oh how often we need to be reminded of the frailty of this body, the promise that this world will pass away, and time will cease. Paul said; "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." 1 Corinthians 15:19. But we have good news found in Isaiah 54:10, that God chose to have mercy on His chosen people. He made a covenant with them and fulfilled its entirety fully. Brethren it is finished! Rejoice! He is seated as the successful King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Come what may, as our bodies grow frail, as our time draws near to our appointed end, and as we see the evil that is in us, and all around us, remember we have an Advocate, a Mediator, a High Priest, a Savior, a Surety, and a Substitute in the Lord Jesus Christ! He saved His people from their sins for all time and gave them eternal life! "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" Titus 1:2.

Christ Is Life

Christ is the life of his people. He is LIFE itself. He tells us: "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). Only God can make such a declaration. Life is never by chance or accident. It's not even obtained by the will of man. Life is always according to the will and purpose of God. And spiritual life is wrought in spiritually dead sinners according to God's will and power. The Apostle John records seven times where our Lord and Savior declares himself to be the great I AM. He is the giver and sustainer of life. This is the theme in every saying.

"I am the bread of life" (John 6:35).

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:9-10).

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Life is given by Christ and in Christ alone. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The ways of man are the ways of death. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov 16:25). The promise of God in Christ is life to all who trust and believe him. This he gives in the Covenant of Grace established in the blood of Christ. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

The Believer's Walk

God the Holy Spirit puts saving faith in the heart of every believer. We believe Christ because God has given us the gift of faith. True saving faith in Christ is not only believing a few true doctrinal statements. True saving faith in Christ will direct the believer's walk through this world below. That is why James said "that faith without works is dead" (James 2:20)

Faith believes that salvation is by God's grace alone and that faith will make the believer be a gracious person. Faith believes that our sin is forgiven by the blood of Christ's sacrifice and that faith will lead a person to be forgiving to others. Faith believes that sinners have peace with God through the blood of Christ and that faith will lead a person to "seek peace, and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14) Faith believes that salvation is found in unity with Christ and that faith will seek unity with other believers.

There is no evidence of genuine faith and trust in Christ when our attitudes and conduct are not changed. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (James 2:26)

- pastor Frank Tate

Death's Flood

There is a dark flood called death, that will soon wash away all that we have hoped for in this world. It will take away all that in which we have trusted. It will wash away all that on which we have placed our hope of well-being. That is when we can rejoice that our heart has been united to the Lord Jesus Christ who will "never leave us, not forsake us." How sweet it is to be able to trust ourselves to Him who will go with us through death's flood, and safely bring us to the other side, and "make us sit together with Him in heavenly places" forever. Here is the reason for no more sorrow. We can shout it from the highest mountain, that we "have a friend that sticketh closer than a brother"

- pastor Milton Howard

"Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints."

- Psalm 116:15

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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."

Revelation 22:17

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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 AM Sunday Service - 11:00 AM Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." - Matthew 11:29