

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leave It There #353

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here this coming Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 PM.
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HYMN

Pass Me Not #235

MESSAGES

"The Preacher's School" 1 Corinthians 1:23

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" Psalm 23

- pastor Gabe Stalnaker

CLOSING HYMN

O to Be Like Thee! #316

Ah! believers, you are a tempted people. You are always poor and needy. And God intends it should be so, to give you constant errands to go to Jesus.

-Robert Murray McCheyne (1813-1843)

The Generosity of His People

I never ceased to be amazed at, and thankful for, the way the Lord continues to supply the needs of this ministry through his generous people. The sheep of Christ want the Word preached in a plain, straight-forward manner which gives God the glory and shuts us up to his sovereign mercy in Christ.

This glorious Redeemer they love, his gospel they delight in, and his true messengers they will support, without pressure or coercion. God's people do not respond to offers of reward, for Christ alone is their reward, and they are not intimidated by threats, for "there is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus."

- Henry Mahan

When a man is soundly killed to all his sins, to all his righteousness, to all his comforts whatsoever; and sees that there is no way but the devil must have him, but he must be damned in hell, if he be not clothed with Jesus Christ; 'O! then,(says he) give me Christ on any terms, whatsoever he cost; though he cost me friends, though he cost me comforts, though he cost me all that ever I have! Like the wise merchant in the Gospel, they will sell all to get that pearl (Matt. 13:46). I tell you, when a soul is brought to see its want of Christ aright, it will not be kept back; father, mother, husband, wife, lands, livings, nay life and all shall go, rather than the soul will miss of Christ. Aye, and the soul counts Christ a cheap Saviour, if it can get him upon any terms. Now the soul indents [requests] no longer (as a man bargains for the terms of his impending servitude). 'Now, Lord, give me Christ, upon any terms, whatsoever he cost; for I am a dead man, a damned man, a castaway, if I have not Christ.' What say you, O wounded sinners? Is not this true, as I have said? Would you not give ten thousand worlds, if you had so many, so you might be well assured that your sins shall be pardoned, and you souls and bodies justified and glorified, at the coming of Jesus Christ?

- John Bunyan

The Importance Of Worship

When the church of the Lord Jesus Christ meets, it is not the trifles of this world that should occupy her attention; she has much weightier matters to consider. The Scriptures say in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is a time for everything. There is a time for political concerns; there is a time for social action; there is a time for education and recreation. But the gatherings of the church of the Lord Jesus are a time specifically dedicated to the worship of Jesus Christ! His praise, His word, His purpose, and His work is our theme. These times must be jealously guarded against any intrusion of mundane matters. Satan, the archenemy of our Lord, will take every opportunity to divert our attention from our blessed Lord. His most effective tactic is to introduce important worldly matters into the worship services of the church. As important as these matters may be, they cannot compare with the heavenly, eternal matters of Jesus Christ and His blood and righteousness. May our gatherings, as well as our minds, be kept pure and sincere toward Our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Joe Terrell

How Could I?

I was thinking this week how impossible it would be for a true, God-called preacher, to preach anything other than the Lord Jesus Christ and him crucified. How could I, a desperately wicked sinner, stand week after week, and service after service and tell men how to live, when I struggle and fail daily myself? How could I, the wretched and depraved man that I am, tell others how to become better spouses, parents, children, friends, employers and employees, when I have failed and continue to fail miserably at these things myself? What hypocrisy and vanity that would be! It is not my place to try to straighten people out. A wise and older friend of mine told me not long ago, concerning preaching, to always remember that a man could shear a sheep many times, but he could only slay a sheep once. Friends, it is the preaching of Jesus Christ only that causes us to decrease (be sheared). My responsibility is not to tell people how to live, but proclaim to them how our Savior lived, died and resurrected, doing everything perfectly for and in the place of hell-deserving sinners. If God is pleased to save a man or woman, that person will want to hear only one message and one message only: — That Christ came into the world to save sinners, and that sinners come to Christ by free and sovereign grace alone for eternal life.

- pastor David Eddmenson

What a mystery are you!

Touched by love—and stung with hatred!

Possessing a little wisdom—and a great deal of folly!

Earthly minded—and yet having the affections in heaven!

Pressing forward—and lagging behind!

Full of sloth—and yet taking the kingdom with violence!

And thus the Spirit, by a process which we may feel but cannot adequately describe—leads us into the **mystery of the two natures** perpetually struggling and striving against each other in the same bosom. So that one man cannot more differ from another, than **the same man differs from himself**. But the mystery of the kingdom of heaven is this—that our carnal mind undergoes no alteration, but maintains a perpetual war with grace. And thus, the deeper we sink in self abasement under a sense of our vileness, the higher we rise in a knowledge of Christ, and the blacker we are in our own view—the more lovely does Jesus appear.

- J.C. Philpot

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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*