CALL TO WORSHIP

All Hail The Power #42

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Bob M. AM

Mike S. PM

Wed- Cass H.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We plan on observing the Lord's Table after the service today. There will not be a meal after.
- August 2nd we will plan on observing the Lord's Table again.

WORSHIP HYMN

Be Thou My Vision #334

CLOSING HYMN

Be Still My Soul #290

MY PEOPLE

(Lev.26:12)

Nowhere in God's Holy Word, is there a more clearer declaration, of the doctrine of Election than when we see this phrase "My People", God chose a people unto Himself (Eph.1:4), he did not choose all mankind, for some have been "fitted for destruction (Rom.9:22)". The word "fitted" means there was something done, prepared, framed. The simple fact is this, All of mankind come into this world fit for destruction, All have sinned against our maker, all have earned the wrath of God, yet God hath afore prepared some unto Glory (Rom. 9:23)! He calls them "My people", they are His by purchase. The wages of sin, (the cost, the price to be paid), is death! And God paid that price, for His people! He could not die in the Spirit, so He humbled Himself and was manifest in the flesh, the Son of the Living God, Jesus the Christ! The Savior, the Substitute, the Sacrifice, the Atonement, He laid down his life, that His chosen people would have life, He was made sin, that we would be made righteous in Him! Then He took His life up again and has been highly exalted to sit on the Throne of Glory! He is making intercession for all those He calls "MY PEOPLE", Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, oh what wonderous grace to be called His people!

What is Happening?

What are preachers, who have nothing else to preach, saying about what is happening in the world today? "We are at the end! God is giving you one last chance! We are seeing the judgment from God upon this world. We are seeing God judging the United States. Nothing like this has ever happened before, it must be judgment."

My soul, the whole flock of these misleaders and fear mongers are failing one more time. Without the gospel, folks will present anything that will excite the flesh. I have seen sermons on Sermon Audio collect 13,000 downloads, but their message just appeals to fear, and to a people who will do anything, within the power of their flesh, to deal with sin.

There is a pandemic that has touched every single atom in the universe: the fall. Our message to the members of the pandemic of sin, both lost sinners and saved sinners, is the same. We don't need to go any farther. That is enough—Preach Christ and Him Crucified. We do not need to create a need. There is already one established. Sin is the problem; and Christ is the answer to the problem, for the lost sheep and for the found sheep, both. A glorious message, the gospel!

The events that befall us, those around us, or throughout the world, fall out for one reason—the furtherance of the gospel. "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;" Philippians 1:12 The preacher that brought me the gospel mentioned in one of his messages, "Would God start a war to save one of His elect? Absolutely!"

We know what is going to happen when the last lost sheep is found. This world will be folded up as a tent, and all will stand before the great King where He, as a Shepherd, shall divide the sheep from the goats. May the Lord give us grace and courage to only preach about Him until that Day.

DEBTORS TO CHRIST

"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." - Rom 8v12-13

For all men and women, salvation is impossible. We are taught and easily believe that salvation is found in what we do or don't do. But the scriptures are clear on the matter of salvation. "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom 3:20). The law cannot save us, for our flesh has no power to keep the law perfectly. There's nowhere to turn in our flesh for goodness, righteousness and peace with God. "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God" (Rom 8:8). Trying to please God by the things we do or don't do in the flesh is living after the flesh, just as living in sinful pleasures is living after the flesh. We always fall short of God's glory.

There is only one way to please and worship God, and that is in the Spirit. And it's by Christ that we are made alive in the Spirit. Christ declared that "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). This requires a spiritual birth. The Spirit gives life to sinners. We are flesh, born from the seed of our spiritually dead father Adam. But Christ has a people to whom he gives a spiritual birth by his holy, spiritual seed. We are then led by the Spirit.

This is why believers in Christ are not debtors to the flesh. The flesh had no part in our spiritual birth. It has no part in our spiritual life. We cannot walk after the flesh and live. To walk after the flesh is understood as practicing sin and / or trying to do religious works to cleanse us of sin and earn God's forgiveness. Christ died a bloody death to deliver us from the condemnation of our sins. He bore the sins of his people on the cross to put them away forever and give us life. Through life in Christ, the Lord turns us from those former ways. He grants repentance to his people, by turning them from dead works of the flesh (sin and religious works for gain). And he keeps us looking to Christ. We will find a warfare rages in this flesh. The flesh desires sin. The flesh is easily and willingly deceived to practice dead letter religion to quiet a troubled conscience. But the sinner saved will be turned to Christ again and again. For the Lord will lead and deliver his people from death. Not only is our life found in Christ, but Christ is our life. If you seek the pleasures of this life and labor to please this flesh, you will die. If you by the Spirit seek Christ; to know him and live in him, you shall live. "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Cor 2:12).

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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