

CALL TO WORSHIP

Breathe On Me, Breath Of God #164

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Kevin T. AM

Bob M. PM

Wed- Cass H.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We plan to observe our Lord's Table this morning. After the service, there will be a fellowship meal in the back. There will be no evening service tonight.
 - Lord willing, next Sunday, brother Thomas Carlisle will profess Christ in believer's baptism following the morning service.
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WORSHIP HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns #62

CLOSING HYMN

Hallelujah, What A Savior! #127

It is not wise for the novice to meddle too much with divine purposes and mysteries. Nothing has a greater tendency to confound the understanding and to harden the heart that to take strong meat too early. Let us not talk of these matters too lightly. Hidden things belong to God; things that are revealed belong to us. Touching the Almighty we cannot find him out, but he is excellent in power, judgement and grace. He will not afflict without cause. Let us rejoice that the great truth of divine grace is written in the Word and revealed in Christ.

- Martin Luther

SOVEREIGN PURPOSE

Exodus 1: 1: Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob. 2: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3: Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4: Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. 5: And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already. 6: And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. 7: And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

These are the twelve tribes of the children of Israel; the twelfth was Ephraim, Joseph's son. God knows his spiritual Israel expressly by name. God works everything in the world only for his elect as seen by how God worked everything for these twelve tribes.

Long before this, at the tower of Babel, God confounded languages and divided the nations. At that time when God divided Canaan—"he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel" (Deut 32: 8). Way back before these twelve patriarchs were born, before God delivered them out of Egyptian bondage, God measured out land to twelve heathen nations sufficient to hold the twelve tribes of Israel. God made cursed tribes maintain the land until the time God took it from them and gave it to the twelve tribes of Israel as promised.

In eternity, before we were born God determined the eternal inheritance of his spiritual Israel when he entered covenant with Christ, typified by God entering covenant with Abraham. God secured heavenly Canaan in the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. This was typified in the sacrifice when God made covenant with Abraham (Gen 15: 7-15). God reserved heavenly Canaan according to the exact number of his elect for whom Christ died (Jn 14:2-3). "Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;...And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's" (1 Cor 3:21-23). "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Ro 8:28).

- Pastor Clay Curtis

BE THANKFUL

I have been told that when you are depressed or you are in the midst of a difficult trial, that it helps to stop and name three things for which you are thankful. That sounds like good advice to me. God's people always have reason to be thankful and it is good for us to give thanks. (Ps. 92:1) Here are three things for which I am always thankful.

Number one: I am thankful that God is sovereign. I would have no hope of salvation if God were not sovereign. I could never save myself, make myself savable, or keep myself saved. But if God who is sovereign has willed and purchased my salvation, I can never perish.

Number two: I am thankful that God forgives sin. Again, I would have no hope of salvation unless God freely forgives sin for Christ's sake. I could have no hope of paying my sin debt unless Christ freely shed His blood to pay for my sin. My sin is so heinous, the only way it could be paid for is by the blood of God's Son.

Number three: I am thankful that God answers prayer. I would have no hope of help in time of need if God did not answer prayer. (Heb. 4:16) There would be no one for us to turn to and beg for mercy if God did not answer prayer. (Ps. 73:25) Remember we are talking about being thankful. Prayer is closely tied to giving thanks. *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."* (Phil. 4:6)

Once we start naming things for which we are thankful, the believer will find it easy to name many more than just three things. In fact, we will find that we have more things for which to be thankful than we have things to complain about.

- Pastor Frank Tate

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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