

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pass Me Not #235

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Brian S.

Wed- Cass H.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We plan to observe our Lord's table this morning and have a fellowship meal after the service. All are welcome to stay and visit!
 - There will be no evening service today.
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WORSHIP HYMN

Blessed Assurance #255

CLOSING HYMN

At The Cross #129

PERFECT IN HIM

There is nothing that will make a **NEEDY SINNER** look to Christ alone or a **BELIEVER** cling to, and rest in, Christ alone more than to realize that everything God is, everything that God requires, and everything that a sinner needs or will ever need is **IN JESUS CHRIST** (1 Cor. 1:30). We are perfect in Him (Col. 1:21-22; Jude 1:24)!

He is perfect, and our being in Him makes us perfect (John 1:16-17; Col. 2:9-10). This is not speaking of what we shall be, but what we are right now in Christ before God.

- Henry T. Mahan (1926-2019)

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom”-

Col.3:16.

“Blessed is the man that delights...in the law of the LORD (the whole of God's word); and in that law does he meditate day and night”- Ps.1:1-2.

When the Lord first converted me I read a lot of chapters in the Bible. After a while the Lord's word became more precious to me and I began to read verses. As I felt more of the power of his word and the comfort and strength it brought to my heart, I began to read words. But not only did I read words but I began to meditate on the words I read. How much more rich and valuable the instructions and correction and encouragement became. How much more delightful to my heart. And it seemed as if the word had a tendency to dwell in me longer. And the more I read the word of Christ the more I wanted to read it.

I fear at first I was reading the word like Martin Luther said many read it; 'Most read their Bibles like cows that stand in the thick grass, and trample under their feet the finest flowers and herbs.' I would rather have a word from God's book to dwell in me richly and do me good than a whole chapter with no effect.

Luther told us how he read the Bible: 'First I shake the whole apple tree, that the ripest fruit might fall. Then I climb the tree and shake each limb, and then each branch, and then each twig, and then I look under each leaf.'

Our Lord's word is a mine full of gold, patiently dig one precious nugget at a time and it will make you rich.

- Pastor Bruce Crabtree (New Castle, IN)

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” - Phil 3:13,14

Brethren, as we leave one year behind us and enter in to another year ahead of us, let us (now more than we ever have before) press the necessity and importance of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's press the necessity and importance of hearing, believing, and gathering together in worship. Let's press it to ourselves, our children, our parents, our siblings, our friends and our acquaintances. It is truly the one thing that is needful.

With another year gone, it only means that time is running out. Let's redeem it! While there is still breath in us, our responsibility in this life on earth is to glorify and praise our Redeemer and King; and to tell all who will listen how great things He has done for us! Our God said that it has pleased Him to use the means of preaching His accomplishment on the cross to call His chosen people from darkness to light. So, while it is still today, let's witness His glorious victory with all of our ability.

When we feel tired, let's encourage each other. When we feel weak, let's strengthen each other. When we feel lost, let's point each other back to Christ. Let's not put any stock in last year's faith or faithfulness. Today is the day of salvation for ALL of us. May God, for Christ's sake, give us more fervency than we had last year. May God give us more heart for Christ and the things concerning Him than we had last year. May God give us a deeper need; a more urgent cry; and may He cause us to see His Word to not only be true, but LIFE!

Lord, show us the Mark! Reveal the Prize! Cause us to reach forth! Press us and we'll be pressed!

- Pastor Gabe Stalnaker (Kingsport, TN)

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10:30 AM Morning Worship Service

6:30 PM Evening Service

Wednesday 6:30 PM Mid-week Worship Service

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Sunday January 3rd, 2021

“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