

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Love To Tell The Story #431

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Bob M. Sun PM- Cass H.

Wed- Brian S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As we look at Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus this morning, I am constantly reminded of the other faithful assemblies we know of. As I speak to others, they always say "tell the brethren there we love them and pray for them". Lord, enable each of us to pray for our brothers and sisters here, and in other places!
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WORSHIP HYMN

What A Friend We Have #354

CLOSING HYMN

Hallelujah, What A Savior #127

Ye Are Not Your Own – 1 Cor.6:19

We are not our own; therefore, neither our reason nor our will should dominate our plans and actions. We are not our own; therefore, let us not make the gratification of our flesh our end. We are not our own; therefore, as much as possible, let us forget ourselves and our own interests. We are God's. Therefore let us live and die to Him. We are God's. Therefore, let His wisdom and His will govern our actions. We are the Lord's. Therefore, let us . . . in every way in all our lives . . . run to Him as our only proper end.

- John Calvin (1509-1564)

TRUE REPENTANCE

Pharaoh, David, and Judas all confessed, "I have sinned." Yet the confessions of Pharaoh and Judas brought them no saving benefit while David's confession met with the response, "The Lord has forgiven your sin." Why is that? What was lacking in the repentance of Pharaoh and Judas that made it ineffective?

Some say that Pharaoh was not sincere, and that Judas was concerned only with being caught and his life ruined. But the real contrast between the repentance of Pharaoh and Judas and that of David is that neither Pharaoh's nor Judas' repentance never moved them to seek God's mercy in Christ for their sin. But David did seek God's mercy, as it is written, "Have mercy on me O God!" (Psalm 51.1)

All repentance that brings a sinner to plead God's mercy in Christ is saving repentance no matter what other deficiencies it may have. Any repentance that does not bring a sinner to trust in God's mercy in Christ is a repentance that needs to be repented of no matter how sincere or strong it is (2 Corinthians 7.10).

In repentance, just as in all other matters pertaining to salvation, Christ is the issue.

- Pastor Joe Terrell (Rock Valley, IA)

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." – Psalm 51v1-2

THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON

Galatians 4: 6: And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Romans 8: 15: For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

*Romans 8: 26: Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
27: And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

This is too wonderful for me! But it is so because God says it! In Galatians 4:6 it is the Spirit of his Son himself within our hearts, crying Abba, Father. In Romans 8: 15 the Spirit of adoption makes us cry. Then in Romans 8:26 when we cannot pray, the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which we cannot utter and God, who knows our hearts, knows the mind of the Spirit within us because the Spirit makes intercession according to the will of God.

Is this not the only reason why the apostle Peter's faith failed not? Is it not the only reason our faith fails not? Even when Peter appeared outwardly to have denied the Lord, Christ prayed for him, not only at God's right hand but also within his heart. This is an illustration of what Paul meant when he said, "the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the FAITH OF THE SON GOD..." The Spirit of God's Son within us is the Faith of our faith, even when unbelief makes it appear we believe not. With the Spirit of Christ in us we are so one with Christ that by the Spirit of the Son crying, Abba, Father we cry Abba, Father. The Spirit within makes intercession for us even when we know not what we should pray for as we ought and cannot utter a word. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2 that we have the mind of Christ. Here he says God who knows our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit within us because the Spirit makes intercession for us according to God's will. This is more than this sinner can understand. But I am so thankful it is so! Christ is the Faith of our faith and the Intercessor of our prayers.

- Pastor Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

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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