CALL TO WORSHIP

Isn't The Love Of Jesus Something Wonderful #450

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Brian S. Sun PM- Bob M.

Wed- Cass H.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Midweek service for February 3rd will be moved to Tuesday the 2nd. Lord willing, brother Clay Curtis will be here to preach for us that evening.

WORSHIP HYMN

Like A River Glorious #287

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Receiveth Sinful Men #199

IT IS ALL IN CHRIST

"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell" (Colossians 1:19)

The salvation of a sinner is the most complex, astounding thing known to man. Yet God has made the salvation of a sinner so simple because the Father put it all in one place – in Christ. All of the fullness of righteousness is found in Christ. All of the fullness of forgiveness is found in Christ. All of the fullness of wisdom is found in Christ. All of the fullness of salvation is found in Christ. Every blessing God has for a sinner is fully found in Christ.

Salvation is so complex only God could accomplish it. Yet God has made salvation simple by putting all of it in one place. If you would be saved, look to one person, the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have any spiritual need, all you have to do is look to one person, the Lord Jesus Christ because it is all in Him. The Father has been pleased to put it all in Christ and I must say that I am very pleased that everything I need is found in Christ too.

- Pastor Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS ALSO

Romans 5: 3...we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4: And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Why would a believer glory in tribulations which cause us so much sorrow? In the trial God sweetly forces us to trust Christ to save us and by doing so God makes us a little more patient to wait on Christ in the next trial. Through patience, God proves to us more clearly that we have no strength and the grace of God is truly sufficient. This is the perfect work James speaks of when he says let patience have her perfect work. God sheds his love in our hearts by the Spirit and grows us in hope so that in the next trial we are a little less prone to put our hand to things below but instead "flee for refuge to lay hold upon the Hope set before us." This is why we thank God for the school of trial and affliction. John Bunyan expressed this glorying when writing of his 12 years in prison, "I never had, in all my life, so great an insight into the Word of God as now; insomuch that I have often said, Were it lawful, I could pray for greater trouble, for the greater comforts' sake."

- Pastor Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

NO TRUE SINNER TURNED AWAY

I challenge anyone to put his or her finger on one scripture in the Holy Bible where Christ ever turned away a truly repentant sinner. You won't find one! Many came in pride that were turned away. Many came in religion that were soon drawn away. Yet never was there one desperate sinner who came with great need and desire to be healed that was ever denied His grace.

- Pastor David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

REPENTANCE

"For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge!" (2 Cor. 7:11).

Now Paul gives us seven evidences of true, sincere and genuine-godly repentance that is the gift of God.

- 1). What carefulness (eagerness, diligence and haste) it wrought in you; to correct our behavior before God and to avoid future offences, diligence and carefulness; as opposed to our past negligence in the gospel and in spiritual matters. (1Thes. 1:4-9).
- 2). What clearing of yourself; not by denying our sin, (what we are before God) and our guilt (because of our transgressions against God), but rather by confessing and owning them and seeking forgiveness for them only thru Christ; (1John 1:7-9; Heb. 9:12-14).
- 3). What indignation, (righteous anger), not against God's holy law, nor against God's servant for declaring the truth, but rather against our own selves, because of our own sin and foolishness. For true repentance is taking God's side against ourselves because of our own folly and sin. (Job 42:5-6; Isa. 6:5; Rom. 7:24-25).
- 4). **What fear**; (alarm) not of eternal condemnation; (Rom. 8:1); no condemnation to them that are in Christ, but rather of the Father's disapproval and chastisement, and the fear of bringing reproach on the gospel of Christ. Prov. 16:6; "By the fear of the LORD men depart from evil." What fear and reverence the Lord does give us when He grants unto us repentance; (Psalm 111:9).
- 5). What a vehement desire; (longing for) to honor God and to live for His glory in the present evil world. When God gives repentance He changes our desires, of self-glory, self-centeredness, self-righteousness to seeking His glory; (Gal. 6:14; Phil. 3:7-14).
- 6). **What zeal**; to promote God's gospel; (1 Peter 2:9). To stand for the true gospel of grace in Christ, having nothing to do with those who promote salvation by deeds of the law; (Gal. 1:7-10; 2:16).
- 7). **What revenge**; not against any person in a private way, for vengeance belongs unto God, but rather against anything contrary to the gospel of Christ; (Psalm 119:104). These sweet and gracious effects wrought in us spring from the first great cause, God's sovereign grace in Christ. They come from God and always lead to Him. "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Rom. 2:4).

- Pastor Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

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Sunday January 31st, 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*