CALL TO WORSHIP

Isn't The Love Of Jesus Something Wonderful #450

SCRIPTURE READING

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

WORSHIP HYMN

Like A River Glorious #287

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Lord willing, we will have our fellowship meal following the service next Sunday. Bring whatever you like.

CLOSING HYMN Christ Receiveth Sinful Men #199

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." - Philippians 2v13

Everything concerning a sinner's salvation is of God. Nothing is of us. We don't begin the work of salvation, He does (Phil. 1:6). We don't perform the work of salvation, He does (Phil. 1:6). We don't finish the work of salvation, He does (John 19:30, Heb. 1:3). We don't call on Him, He calls us (Luke 5:32). We don't seek Him, He seeks us (Luke 19:10). We don't find Him, He finds us (Luke 15:3-6). We don't accept Him, He accepts us (Eph. 1:6). We don't produce our own faith to believe on Him, He puts His own faith in us and causes us to believe on Him (Eph. 2:8). We don't earn any perfection of our own, He earned it for us (Titus 3:5). It's not that we loved Him, but that He loved us (1 John 4;10). We don't keep ourselves in His love, He keeps us there (1 Peter 1:3-5). Salvation is totally of the Lord (Jonah 2:9).

- Pastor Gabe Stalnaker (Kingsport, TN)

SHEEP AND GOATS

May we read these physical differences with spiritual eyes!

<u>Internally</u>, sheep and goats are very different. Sheep have 54 chromosomes, while goats have 60. They are different species!

<u>Outwardly</u>, they can look very similar at a glance. But there are some differences.

Tails- this is the quickest way to tell them apart. A sheep's tail hangs down, a goat's sticks up.

Coats- sheep have wool and the coat lasts a very long time. Goats have hair and it falls off as quickly as it grows.

Maintenance- sheep need protection, care, and shearing regularly from a skilled shepherd. A goat does not require the touch or protection of a shepherd.

Horns- Goats have narrow, straight, pointy horns. Dangerous to those around it, even when they are not being aggressive. Sheep have horns too, but they are wider, smoother, and curved.

What they eat- Sheep need to eat short plants that are close to the ground. Tender things like grass and clover are their main diet. Goats like a wide variety of foods. They can eat the grass or the briars, it does not matter to them.

Where they eat- goats are more agile and are browsers. They like to eat things eye level or higher, standing on their hind legs. Sheep like their heads down low and to graze only on good pasture.

Smell- a goat smells much worse that a sheep. Not to the <u>other goats</u> or <u>to sheep</u>, but to the shepherds.

Lord- tuck my tail, give me an eternal coat of righteousness, make my defenses gentle, make me feed on the simplicity of Christ, keep my head down on the pasture you have placed me, and make me a sweet-smelling savor to my God! Make me your sheep!

WITHOUT ME... John15v5

There can be no building without a foundation, there can be no branch without a vine and there can be no body without the head. Our Lord Jesus is all these things to His People. Without Him we have no spiritual existence. No one would think of erecting a building without a foundation, yet people build their hopes for eternity without Christ. They build on their so called good works, or their repentance, or some strange experience they had years ago.

Everyone knows that a branch cannot exist a part from the vine, that it derives its life from the root, yet how many are not joined to Christ the vine and yet think they have life. They believe because they joined a church, or was baptized they have life. It is impossible for a body to have life, without a head, it is dead! So it is without Christ being the head of his people.

Thank God, there is "no other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor.3:11) A house does not build itself, we are built upon Christ Himself, our spiritual foundation is built on His Person as God-Man, upon His work on behalf of His elect, upon the Righteousness He established, imputed to those for whom he died.

Our Master said; "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING" (Jn.15:5). It is by a vital living union with Christ that we have our spiritual life, where there is life there is fruit, there is spiritual hunger, thirst, faith, repentance, and there is evidence of life.

Christ is the, "head over all things to the church, which is His body, that filleth all in all" (Eph.1:22-23). He is the One from whom the body is joined together, the body gets it spiritual sense, its guidance, and the body gets its spiritual wisdom. As the head of His body the church He is the one who fills us with these things, the one from whom we get spiritual understanding. He is the One who makes us function as a body, and not as individuals pulling in different directions. When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. (Col.3:4)

- Pastor Don Bell

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Sunday April 25th, 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*