

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like A River Glorious #287

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Bob M.

Sun PM- Cass H.

Wed- Brian S.

WORSHIP HYMN

My Faith Looks Up To Thee #359

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I will be preaching in Kentucky the 22nd through the 25th of July. Lord willing, Pastor John Reeves will bring the mid-week message Wednesday the 21st.
 - Brother Cody Henson is scheduled to preach the evening of the 24th (**Saturday**) at **6:30 PM** and the morning of the 25th (**Sunday**). There will be no evening service on the 25th.
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CLOSING HYMN

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms #460

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

One fire puts out another. Nothing so effectively kills the fear of man as a genuine abundance of the FEAR OF THE LORD! When the fear of men would tempt a servant of God to compromise or take the offense from the cross, the fear of the Lord gives him EVEN GREATER BOLDNESS.

- Pastor Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

A FAITHFUL MINISTER OF CHRIST

“Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him JESUS” (Acts 8:35)

What do faithful ministers of the gospel preach? Do they preach a theology? Do they preach some essential points of doctrine agreed upon among religious men? Philip, as it is the case with all faithful ministers of the Lord, didn't preach a theology, he didn't preach an opinion, he didn't preach a doctrinal position; beloved, he preached a Person! He opened his mouth, and from the scriptures he preached JESUS!

Our Lord declares *“He that believeth on THE SON hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not THE SON shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him”* (John 3:36). You see, theology didn't give it's life as a ransom to redeem God's people, doctrines didn't shed any blood for the remission of sins. Beloved, taught of God (you know this)—salvation is found in a person, the Lord Jesus Christ. By God's quickening power, we have been made to know Him! All God's people can say with Paul *“I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day”* (2 Timothy 1:12).

All faithful ministers, men sent of God, preach Christ Jesus the Lord; they don't preach themselves—they are not men pleasers—they are your servants for JESUS sake [2 Corinthians 4:5, Galatians 1:10].

Lord, enable your servants to open their mouths, and preach unto your people—JESUS. Grant us your enabling grace to be such a one as Epaphras, a fellowservant and faithful minister of Christ; for without You—we can do nothing [John 15:5]. Amen!

- Pastor Joseph Murphy (New Caney, TX)

THE END OF ARGUING

Men have long loved to argue about Biblical truths. I freely confess that I avoid those arguments like the plague. There is no benefit in debating God's truth with an unregenerate person. It is impossible to prove the existence of light to a blind person. The best thing we can do for lost souls is preach the gospel to them and leave them alone with God. All argument will stop when Christ is pleased to reveal Himself because when Christ is revealed there is submission to Christ. No one will ever argue about man's freewill, God's crown right to elect a people to save, Christ's limited atonement for His elect people, or the eternal salvation of God's elect if they have submitted themselves to Christ the King. The people still arguing against those truths are people who have not submitted to Christ.

- Pastor Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

Those who hate the election of God seem to think that those who love it are proud and puffed up because God chose them. There is nothing that will humble a believing sinner more than the glorious truth that they were chosen of God, "neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth." (Romans 9:11) Their humility is magnified further when they see that all their sin is against God and that they can do no good at all, but ONLY evil in God's sight! (Psalm 51:4) No, you will find no proud sinner in heaven's glory! There you will discover only broken, thankful, redeemed wretches, conformed perfectly to the image of God's Son, grateful and humbled that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4)

- Pastor David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

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Sunday July 18th, 2021



“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”

1Cor 1v23-24