

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed Assurance #255

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Cass H.

Sun PM- Mike S.

Wed- Bob M.

WORSHIP HYMN

Rock Of Ages #126

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Sunday (Oct 3rd) we will observe the Lord's Table and have a covered dish dinner following the morning service.
 - October 10th, Brother Eric Floyd from Hurricane Road Grace Church in Ashland, KY will bring the morning and evening messages. No services Wednesday the 13th.
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CLOSING HYMN

My Faith Has Found A Resting Place #228

Regrets vs. Repentance

Many people regret the things they have done and wish they had not done them. Few repent of what they are and seek the Lord to save them from what they are, sin, and what they have done, sins.

- Pastor John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

James wrote, "*Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*" (James 1:3-4) Isn't it an amazing thought that when we are, by God's grace, patient for what we want and need, we will need and want nothing?

- Pastor David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

"*And Israel Saw That Great Work Which The Lord Did . . .*"

Exodus 14:31

After the Israelites walked through the path of the Red Sea; after the Lord drowned the Egyptians, it is written: "***Thus the Lord saved Israel that day . . . and Israel saw that great work which the Lord did . . .***" (Ex.14:30-31). And so it is with true Israel. All Israel shall be saved . . . **BY THE LORD**, for **SALVATION IS OF THE LORD** (Jonah 2:9). And *all Israel shall see that great work, so great salvation, WHICH THE LORD DID.*

There was no doubt amongst any of the Israelites as to Who saved them and how. They all knew it was the LORD Himself, by Himself. All they did was *stand still and behold His salvation*. Neither is there any doubt amongst ANY of God's true Israel, as to Who saved them and how. Ask them all . . . "*Whose will? . . . Whose choice? . . . Who accepted who? . . . Whose power? . . . Whose works? . . . Whose righteousness? . . . Whose glory? . . .* All will say with one voice . . . **IT IS THE LORD! . . . SALVATION IS OF THE LORD!**

- Pastor Paul Mahan (Rocky Mount, VA)

An old but true proverb says – "*Anything born in the storm will die in the calm.*" That repentance and faith which is caused by sickness, adversity, and trouble will seldom last any longer than the difficulty which caused it. Conviction is a heart work. True repentance and faith are gifts of God, created in the heart by the Holy Spirit, through the revelation of Christ in the gospel.

- Don Fortner

OFFENSES TO THE GOSPEL

The gospel of Christ is offensive to the natural man. The gospel of free and sovereign grace attributes the salvation of sinners, from Alpha to Omega; from beginning to end, to the Lord God Almighty. It stains the pride of man; it gives all the glory to God where it belongs.

But...there are some actions and attitudes that are incredibly offensive to the gospel of Christ. Joy and peace are fruits of the gospel. It is impossible to be in Christ and not have joy and peace in believing. Yet...there are some who “profess” that appear to **never, ever, have any joy or peace**. They look miserable and act miserable. If you ask them how they are they just grunt and say, “You don’t want to know”. Some people always seem to be in a crisis. Nothing is ever peaceful or joyful about them or their lives. This is an offense to the gospel, a stumbling block to believers and unbelievers alike.

Another hindrance and enemy to Christ and His church is **unfaithfulness**. This is a contradiction to everything the gospel teaches and is contrary to the very nature of Christ’s gospel. We will not for one moment condone unfaithfulness of husbands or wives to one another, but unfaithfulness to Christ, to the gospel, to the church, appears to be easily and readily practiced and accepted by many who profess to be believers. There is one thing that we can count on about some and that is, **we can’t count on them!** This is so offensive to Christ and His church!

A **harsh, high-minded spirit** is another offense and hindrance to Christ and His church. How often have we heard someone “pop off” and say, “I’m not going to do that...I don’t care what they think!” Or “Well, that is just the way I am, if they don’t like it that is their problem!” Does this sound familiar? What an offense to the gospel of *meekness and humility*.

Are you a hindrance or a help, a burden or a blessing, a servant or self-serving, callous or caring, a friend or a foe to Christ and His church? O God, keep me from being an offense of the gospel in the church and out in the world, for Christ’s sake, amen.

- Pastor Don Bell (Crossville, 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 September 26th, 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