

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leave It There #353

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Bob M.

Sun PM- Cass H.

Wed- Brian S.

WORSHIP HYMN

Be Still My Soul #290

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are thankful to have our Brother Bob Miller back with us. He is scheduled for a procedure this coming Thursday. Remember him as the Lord enables you.

- Brother John Reeves has returned home from the hospital. He and Kathy are both improving each day. We are thankful!

- Lord willing, Brother Angus Fisher from Nowra, NSW, Australia will be here to preach for us January 12th.

CLOSING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #40

A BROKEN HEART

Is that which is broken good for anything? One cannot see in a broken mirror; one cannot drink from a broken glass; one cannot work with a broken arm; one cannot walk with a broken leg. **ONLY THE HEART IS AT ITS BEST STATE WHEN IT IS BROKEN!** "*The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart*" (Psalm 34:18).

- Henry Mahan

PRAY FOR THOSE IN PERILOUS PLACES

Pastors with whom I have ministered in various places in the Caribbean have suffered violence.

One was assaulted and robbed after making a sizeable withdrawal from a bank, the withdrawal being an offering to his ministry.

One was robbed while driving his taxi.

One was pistol-whipped and robbed while on his church property, stopped and robbed by armed bandits on the highway, threatened by cultists demonstrating outside his church building, and repeatedly suffered vandalism to the meeting houses of the churches he pastors.

One's residence was besieged by villains one night while I was his guest.

One, whose gospel message had angered a hearer, was assaulted by that angry hearer while the pastor was in his own house.

All these pastors could probably tell of other acts of violence against them of which I know not.

Brothers and sisters, I say all this to remind you to pray fervently for our fellow saints who reside and minister in perilous places. Remember Paul the apostle's request to "*pray for us, ... that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith*" (2 Thessalonians 3:1f).

- Pastor Daniel Parks (St. Croix, USVI)

May we know that it is not only for us to be safe in Him, but separate to Him and satisfied with Him until that day when we shall see Him as He is, and be like Him and with Him forevermore.

- Scott Richardson

“And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? Then is the offence of the cross ceased.” Galatians 5:11

The preaching of the cross of Jesus Christ is offensive to the natural man. We that believe look at the cross and we see grace, mercy, love, forgiveness, and hope; but this world sees a “*stumbling stone and a rock of offence.*” I want to look at this by asking one question:

I. What is the offence of the cross of Christ?

First, it offends the wisdom of men. This world and its religion believe that man can by wisdom know God. That by sincere and heart felt study, man can know His creator in such a way as to bring him to heaven. They think the preaching of the cross is foolishness and that they by wisdom understand that there are better ways to save sinners. But the preaching of the cross tells us that this message, and means, was ordained of God for the salvation of His People apart from the wisdom of this world. (1Cor 1: 17-31)

Second, it is offensive to man’s ability. This world believes that all men have a “free will” in this matter of salvation. That man is the sovereign of his destiny, and he will come to Christ if all the right circumstances exist. But the preaching of the cross of Christ, tells us that no man can come to Christ unless the Father draw him. (John 6:44) This is because all men are born dead in trespasses and sins, which make men both unable and unwilling to come to God by Jesus Christ. The only hope for sinners is that God the Holy Spirit quickens their dead souls to life and faith in Christ. This too is offensive to the natural man.

Third, it offends the merit of men. All men by nature believe that they can by their will, works, and self righteousness merit the favor of God. But the Psalmist asks, “*Who shall ascend to the hill of the LORD . . . ? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart...*” (Ps. 24: 2-3). But the gospel of the cross teaches us that “*there is none righteous, no not one.*” (Rom.3:11-20) The gospel teaches that the only way for man to approach unto God, is to have the “*righteousness of God which is by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ to all them that believe.*” (Rom 3:21-22) This is offensive to the natural man.

Therefore, how foolish is it for men to oppose the only hope for their salvation. Though all men oppose this gospel, it shall prevail to save all of God’s elect. It will save all those who believe on Jesus Christ, and see His cross as their only glory. (Gal 6:14)

- Pastor Fred Evans (Sellersburg, IN)

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“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