

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like A River Glorious # 287

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM – Cass H.

Wed – Mike S.

HYMN

Day By Day # 299

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No evening service tonight.

CLOSING HYMN

I Know Whom I Have Believed # 224

When I was a young man working in public works, seniority was a big deal. It usually meant more advantages such as more money—vacation time etc. Not so in the kingdom of God. In the kingdom of God Jesus Christ is Alpha and Omega, the first and the last and all in Christ are one. No one has more advantage than another because of seniority. All were chosen in Christ, at the same time, before the foundation of the world. All were blessed with all heavenly blessings in Christ at the same time, before the foundation of the world. Remember, the one who worked one hour received the same as the one who worked all day, *Matthew 20:1-16*. If anyone finds this upsetting, it is because you are trying to apply the principles of the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of grace.

- Pastor John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

Speaking the Truth in Love

I wonder, if when we preach or teach or witness to others, does the love of Christ and love for sinners come through in our words and in our countenance? I am interested to know if our hearers detect from our presentation of the gospel of sovereign grace (whether in sermon or articles) the love, compassion, and pity we should feel; or do we come across as harsh, bitter, and with a critical spirit? Do we tend to take our disappointments in some and our conflicts with others into the pulpit or classroom or personal discussions and tear into everybody?

This is not the way of Christ. James said, “*The wrath of man worketh NOT the righteousness of God.*” It was His love that chose us, gave us repentance, and led us to faith; and if any other sinner is brought from darkness, death, and error to light, life, and truth, it will be by and through the love and grace of Christ.

We are quick to say that the whip of the law will not make a man righteous, but neither will the whip of doctrine make a man a believer.

-Henry Mahan

Upon a review of the last year, I desire to confess that my unfaithfulness has been exceedingly great, my sins still greater, God’s mercies greater than both. My shortcomings and misdoings, my unbelief and want of love would sink me into the lowest hell, was not Jesus my righteousness and my redeemer.

- Augustus M. Toplady (1740-1778)

A LOOK BACK

It has been my custom for several years to take a LOOK BACK as the year draws to a close. The year just passing, as every year leaves us with a sense of thanksgiving and joy, but also a sense of melancholy. As far as God and His purpose is concerned we have had a very good year. I can say that because “And we know all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose”. (Rom 8:28).

God does all things well, He has never failed us. Christ our Lord continues to love us and keep us by His intercession for us. We may not have been as faithful as we should have been; our hearts, no doubt, many times were very cold and lifeless toward the things of God and towards the gospel. Even as Christ has been preached, how many times were we untouched and unmoved? But thank God he refuses to let those for whom He loves, those for whom Christ died, to remain in such sad condition. He quickens us and in that quickening He makes us to mourn over not loving him and honoring him as worthily as He should be. Though we are more often than not unfaithful, He is never unfaithful. Though we fail Him, He never fails us. He is oftentimes not in our thoughts, but we are ever in His mind and heart.

We cannot see into the future, we cannot know what a day will bring forth. It may bring life or it may bring death, it may bring news that will either break our hearts or cause them to rejoice. But I do know this: I know Who holds the day, no matter what it brings forth. I know Who holds our very souls in His hand. (Job 12:10 Dan.5: 23).

As we LOOK forward to the New Year I also know this: that I want to continue to worship God in spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in my flesh. I want to be faithful to My God, to Christ Jesus My Lord, and to the gospel of free and sovereign grace in Christ. I want to be faithful to love you, forgive you, encourage you and pray for you. I want to continually preach in such a way as to never let you or me find any hope for salvation or righteousness, except only in the righteousness of Christ.

Oh, God give us your grace to know you, to know your Son Jesus Christ in such a way that we find Him to be our ALL in ALL.

- Pastor Don Bell (Crossville, TN)

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6:30 PM Evening Service

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Sunday January 2nd, 2022



“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