

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, Holy, Holy #70

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun – Brian S.

Wed – Cass H.

HYMN

I Am His And He Is Mine #56

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are thankful to have Brother Eric Floyd to preach the Gospel this morning. He will bring both morning messages. No evening service.

CLOSING HYMN

Hallelujah, What A Savior #127

THERE IS NO GOOD THING OF ME

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing.” (Romans 7:18)

Every believer knows there is no good thing in my flesh. That means that my flesh cannot produce anything good. My flesh can only produce sin. Every believer also knows that there is a good thing in me. There is no good thing in my flesh, but there is a good thing in me: the new man born of God. That new man is holy and righteous and can never sin because he is born from the sinless seed of the Word of God. Salvation is of the Lord! Salvation is a work that God did for me and in me.

- Pastor Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

OUR MESSAGE

“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness.” 1Cor 1:23

Our message is a Person. We have to preach the doctrine of Christ, which is simply what He said, all that He said, not any man’s creed or confession of faith, but the goal is not the knowledge of doctrine. The purpose is to know Him.

A man may get a degree in construction and physical engineering and not be able to cut a straight line with a saw. He knows all the facts. Factual knowledge makes you able to answer questions but true understanding changes who you are. So it is in spiritual things. Many know doctrinal truths and even have positions on things that aren’t in the scriptures because of their superior intellect. But they cannot be kind, which is an elemental effect of knowing the Savior. Faith without works is dead. We, by His power and mercy, must experience His grace, through true, transforming faith, to know Him, and not just of Him.

It is one thing to know that it is by grace through faith that sinners are saved, it is another thing to believe on the Son of God. Without the free grace and mercy of God, sinners will be ever learning, and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth, because knowledge of the truth is to know a Person, not just facts. Knowledge puffeth up, but the love of Christ buildeth up.

Faith that looks to knowledge is dead, faith that looks to faith is dead. Faith that worketh by love, is the faith of God’s elect. And that faith is authored by Christ and looks to Him alone. “Looking unto Jesus (a Person), the author and finisher of our faith.”

- Pastor Chris Cunningham (College Grove, TN)

WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

I John 3:2

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is”

I suppose one of the biggest obstacles a believer faces in this life is the ability to see themselves as God sees them in Christ. If we could see ourselves as God sees us, we would truly see ourselves to be holy, righteous, just, and perfect as Christ Himself. Now don't get me wrong. We should never forget or overlook the evil that we are by nature, birth, and practice, that is what keeps us coming to Christ, but those things are not what we now are in the Lord Jesus.

Most believers do not have joy, peace, assurance, confidence, and comforting faith, especially in their salvation, because they look within at what they are by nature instead of looking to what they are in Christ. No joy, peace, assurance, or confidence in faith can be found by looking within. It can only be found by looking to Christ. Beloved, The Lord Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, was made to be sin for His elect people, that they might be made the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21) Christ paid the wages of sin, which was death, so that we might be made just like Him, perfectly holy, just, and righteous.

So, stop looking to yourself. Stop looking within yourself. Stop looking to what you should do that you don't do and stop looking to what you don't do, that you should. Stop looking to what you should be and look to who and what you are. Look to Christ alone. Since Christ in you is the hope of glory, and since you must be perfect to be accepted by the Almighty, then Christ being in you must mean that you are just like Him in God's eyes. If not, we wouldn't be called "Beloved, and the sons (daughters) of God." How do we know that we are saved? "We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." And it is then that we will see ourselves as we truly are.

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1Cor 1v23-24