

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Solid Rock #272

SCRIPTURE READING

HYMN

Teach Me Thy Way #337

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are thankful to have Paul Mahan, pastor of Central Grace Church in Rocky Mount, VA here to bring the Gospel to us.

CLOSING HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul #256

It Is Well With My Soul

I love to hear a congregation sing the song “It Is Well With My Soul” with all of the parts joining in together. I love the message of the song even more. The one and only way it can be well with the soul of a sinful wretch like me is if Christ made His soul an offering for my sin. Since I know from the Word of God that the Lord Jesus Christ did make His soul an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:10), my heart can rest in this truth: it really is well with my soul. It may not be well with my decaying body of flesh. I may be filled with sickness and pain, but it is well with my soul. It may not be well with my mind. My mind may be troubled and perplexed, but it is well with my soul. It may not be well with the world around me. The world may be filled with turmoil and hatred, but it is well with my soul. Like the songwriter said, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul.

- Pastor Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

ACCEPT OR RECEIVE

Nowhere in the word of God do we find this most common religious catchphrase, "Accept Jesus as your personal savior." Nowhere does it say that the Lord of all the universe is up for acceptance or rejection by mere mortals. Nowhere does it say that the sovereign Creator of all things needs to be accepted by the creature.

You see . . . We are on trial . . . Not God! We are the ones that will be either accepted or rejected, according to the will and pleasure of him who made us. It is God who must accept us "*in the beloved.*" Accepting something or someone implies the ability to accept or reject. Man, who is dead in sins, cannot accept but can only reject that which is true and good. "*The natural man receiveth not the things of God, for they are foolishness to him; neither can he...*" (I Cor. 2:14).

The Scriptures do, however, speak of us receiving Christ (John 1:12-13). But there is a big difference in receiving something and accepting it. Receiving implies that a gift has been bestowed upon you. The gift of God's grace in Christ is unmerited favor bestowed upon you. All to whom God grants this unspeakable gift are made willing in the day of his power to receive it. They are made to see the irresistible beauty of Christ, and their desperate need of him, and humbly and gladly receive Him. Even their calling upon him, and asking for him, are God's gracious gifts (Romans 2:4). One cannot glory in receiving a gift, for "*a man can receive nothing except it be given him from above*" (John 3:27). The glass cannot glory for receiving the water that is poured into it.

Those who say they have accepted Jesus do not know and have not received the Lord Jesus Christ and are not saved. For that is not the language of scripture nor of any child of God. The language of scripture and the testimony of every child of God is this: "*We have received mercy and grace from our God through the Lord Jesus Christ.*"

- Paul Mahan

THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

Oh, what good news the gospel of Jesus Christ declares to sinners. We are by birth and nature children of darkness, loving darkness rather than the Light of the truth (John 3:19; Eph. 2:12).

However, by the marvelous power of God through the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16), God has delivered us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Col. 1:13). That we should show forth the praises of Him Who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

Furthermore, the gospel declares unto all that believe, that the precious blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. Not the blood of bulls and goats, not the ceremony and traditions of men, but the glorious blood offering of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, nothing less, nothing more and nothing else (Heb. 9:26; 1 Peter 1:18-20), cleanses us from all sin; original sin, actual sin, spiritual and natural sin, ALL sin forever (Heb. 10:14-17)!

Oh, the glory of this perfect, full and finished salvation we are blessed to possess and enjoy through our victorious Lord. *"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* (1 Cor. 15:57).

- Pastor Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

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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