CALL TO WORSHIP

What A Friend We Have In Jesus #354

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Brian S.

Wed- Mike S.

HYMN

Be Still, My Soul # 290

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are several conferences coming up. I encourage you (and those everywhere) to attend if the Lord has made you able and willing.

Kingsport, $TN - Sep \ 23^{rd}-25^{th}$ College Grove, $TN - Oct \ 14^{th}-16^{th}$ Rocky Mount, $VA - Nov \ 11^{th}-13^{th}$ Crossville, $TN - Nov \ 25^{th}-27^{th}$ Apopka, $FL - Jan \ 13^{th}-15^{th} \ (2023)$

CLOSING HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus # 204

GOD SAVE THE KING!

This phrase is from a song written in the mid 1700's of the same title. With the crowning of a new king in the UK, it is on all forms of media this week. What a wonderful thing it would be if a new heart, born of God in His child, sang its request for the leader of the nation to be saved! Oh, that the Lord would give us hearts like Christ, that are compassionate, and "*would that all men be saved*". Let's pray for our President, our Governor, our leaders – that Christ would be revealed in them and magnified in their hearts! That would make for a loving and peaceful country!

"When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." – John 6v12

Christ created enough bread and fish so that the great multitude ate "*as much as they would*." The lad was given far more than he would have had. The apostles gathered up twelve baskets full beside all that the multitude ate: twelve baskets for twelve apostles as if to say, "Why did you doubt?"

Christ's grace is sufficient. The little mouse was in no danger of eating up all the corn in Joseph's storehouses. The minnow is no danger of drinking up all the water in the ocean. We are in no danger of partaking of Christ's grace too much. Come to Christ and partake freely of His grace as much as you would. He is all sufficiency.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

WHAT AM I MOST CONCERNED ABOUT TODAY?

What am I going to eat today; will it be the Bread of life or nature's own? What am I going to drink today; will it be the Water of Life or distilled water? What am I going to wear today; the righteousness of Christ or blue jeans? O Father, grant us the desire this day to eat, drink and wear Jesus Christ.

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

"As the hart [the deer] panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:"

- Psalm 42v1-2

WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US

"But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:4-7).

These verses reveal unto us the very essence and glory of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1). **Divine intervention**, "*the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared*." One thing is most obvious; we did not merit God's grace. We were shut out by sin and on the fast track to destruction, deserving of God's righteous wrath (Rom.6:23). But our sovereign God intervened and came to our rescue. He was manifested in our nature, in the flesh (Rom. 8:3; Gal.4:4) to fulfill all righteousness and to make perfect atonement for sin (Heb. 2:17; Heb.9:26).

2). **Divine salvation,** "According to his mercy he saved us." Salvation is not by what we do, but rather according to God's sovereign, and everlasting mercy (Rom. 9:11-16). No sinner can produce nor can he possess a justifying righteousness in the energy of the flesh, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done (Rom. 8:8). The only reason for grace is grace (John 1:16-17). The Lord saves His people out of a clear, unmixed and undiluted mercy and redeeming grace and for no other reason, "By the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (John 1:12-13; 2Tim 1:9). The new birth is not an option in salvation it is a must (John 3:3-7). The new birth is not something you do, it is something God does in you (Phil.1:6).

3). **Divine blessings**, "Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." Every spiritual blessing the believer enjoys is through, in and by the Lord Jesus Christ (Eph.1:3). All the promises of God are in Christ Jesus (2Cor.1:20). The love and kindness of God are in Christ (Rom. 8:39). The forgiveness and redemption from all sin is only found in Christ (Eph.1:7). The righteousness imputed to sinners is Christ, the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jer.23:5; 1Cor. 1:30). The hope of salvation is Christ in you the hope of glory (Col.1:27; 2Thes.2:16).

4). **Divine results,** "being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." By God's divine grace, we who by nature are children of wrath (Eph.2:3) are now adopted into God's family and made heirs of God and joint heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:17; 1 Peter 1:3-4; 1John 3:1).

- Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

San Diego Grace Fellowship

"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

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Sunday - 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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