CALL TO WORSHIP

In The Cross Of Christ I Glory # 123

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Brian S.

Wed- Cass H.

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd # 293

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be one service today at 10:30am. We plan to observe the Lord's table and have a meal following. What a precious way to begin a new year, remembering the body and blood of our King and spending time with those He purchased!

CLOSING HYMN Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name # 81

A NEW YEAR BLESSING

I can think of no better prayer to give nor greater blessing to declare unto you for this new year, than that which the Lord commands His preachers to say to His people: "On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they put my Name upon the children of Israel; and I WILL BLESS THEM." – Numbers 6:23-27

- Paul Mahan (Rocky Mount, VA)

THE GREATEST GIFT EVER GIVEN

"Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." - Galatians 1:4-5

The Gospel is not about the birth of Jesus. The glorious Gospel is about the death and sacrifice of God's precious Son who gave Himself for His elect. Most people spend this Holiday Season buying gifts for one another without ever considering the GREATEST GIFT ever given, Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. God, in Christ gave His perfect righteousness to wretched, wicked and underserving sinners. "*Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*" (2 Cor. 9:15)

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

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)

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." - 1Corinthians 15:57

There is nothing more encouraging to a soldier of Christ, than to know the battle has already been won, even before the first shot was fired.

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

A few more nights, then everlasting day! A little more pain, then endless pleasure! Just a few more sleepless nights, then eternal rest! Just a little more trouble, then everlasting ease! Just a little more dying, then eternal life!

- Don Fortner

TERMS OF PEACE

Our message is not to propose terms of peace, nor to beg sinners to make peace, but rather to proclaim that peace has been made between God and His people. "Having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself" (Colossians. 1:20).

- Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

The context of the verses we quote is often needed and instructive (also surprising and precious!!). Our Lord tells us, through Solomon, to do what we find in our hand with all our might!

Placed "in our hand" is being joyful, with a merry heart, because Christ has made reconciliation for us and is on His throne!

"Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.

Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." - Ecclesiastes 9v7-10

It is my prayer that we can give "our might" to having joy and a merry heart towards others, because of Christ's broken body and shed blood!



"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

January 1st, 2023

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

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