CALL TO WORSHIP

All Hail The Power # 42

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Brian S.

Wed- Kevin T.

HYMN

I Am His And He Is Mine # 56

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lord willing, we will observe His table this morning. Following the services, we will have a covered dish dinner. I look forward to sharing a meal with you!

CLOSING HYMN

To God Be The Glory # 449

BE CONSISTENT

I need constantly to remind myself that "all things are of God". Let me not preach sovereignty and then complain of my lot in life. Let me not talk of divine purpose and then spend my days murmuring about my trials and troubles.

It is totally inconsistent with faith in the sovereign Christ for me to question His good providence. Paul called covetousness "idolatry" and said, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil. 4:11).

I pray for submission, for with it comes peace and rest.

- Henry Mahan

I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."- 1 Peter 1:8

There is a common phrase that I have heard many times over the course of my life. That redundant phrase is, "I'll believe it when I see it." This saying can be traced back at least a couple thousand years to Thomas in John 20:25 who said, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." Was not Thomas saying, "I will believe it when I see it?" Though Thomas was absent when the Lord appeared unto the apostles the first time, he would not believe the words of his closest friends. Thomas refused to believe unless he saw it with his own eyes!

When the Lord appeared again unto the disciples, this time Thomas was present. Our Lord told him to put his finger in His nail scared hands and thrust his hand into His side. When he did Thomas cried by divine revelation, "My Lord and my God." It was then that the Lord Jesus said, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." We see Christ with the eyes of faith, and only our Great God can give us the eyes to see. We walk by faith, not by sight. The child of God can truly say, "We haven't seen Him, but we love Him." Beloved, we still do not see Him with physical sight, yet we believe, and we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Not just because we believe, but because the Lord reveals Himself to us.

Thomas is often referred to as "Doubting Thomas." I dare not call him that without referring to myself as "Doubting David." Until our Lord and our God give us eyes to see, we will not believe either.

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

SUNDAY BEST

There was a time when if someone was going somewhere special or having company over, they "put on their Sunday best." It was a time when folks had one real nice outfit. They took special care of it and only wore it on special occasions.

Do you remember the time when kids had "school clothes" and "play clothes"? When they came home after school they immediately changed clothes, and put away their school clothes and dress shoes. It hasn't been that way for a long time, and we are not the better for it!

Having plenty makes us take things for granted; it makes us unthankful, careless and consumed with our appearance before men. This is the way it is now in religion! Folks can find one that matches their "I think", "my opinions", "I believe", "my God is", etc. There is no need to have to change out of your work clothes, or your school clothes – no need any more for your "Sunday best", because "you're fine just the way you are". "God loves you and so do I", is the common dress of the day.

Now if you decide you want a suit of clothes, you run out and buy them. If people want a change of religion they just try another church that "suits them". But the fact of the matter is, not just any religion, nor is just any suit of clothes acceptable to the true and living God. There is only one suit of clothes that God will accept; it is the righteousness of Christ, imputed to those who believe on the Lord Jesus (Rom. 5:19, Rom. 3:24-26, II Cor. 5:21).

Your Sunday best won't do, we must have God's best, <u>His Son</u>. There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus (I Tim. 2:4). There is one way, one truth, one life that will stand a soul in good stead with God – Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory! Remember that this is not the only world you are going to live in.

- Don Bell (Crossville, TN)

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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."

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Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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