

CALL TO WORSHIP

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SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Bob M.

Wed- Cass H.

HYMN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are scheduled to have the flooring installed tomorrow. All of the improvements should be complete by next Sunday. I am grateful for everyone and looking forward to a meal in that area in April.

CLOSING HYMN

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The sinner saved by God's grace calls on God to save him. And the sinner saved by God's grace continues calling on God to save him again. *"Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved"* (Ps 80: 3).

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

Our hope in Christ makes the afflictions of life bearable. If a bed in a hotel is uncomfortable, we know we will check out in the morning. Hope in Christ makes trouble lighter.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

LAW OR CHRIST?

Occasionally I hear from someone, who wants to know what relationship believers have to the law, my reply is always the same: Believers are not under the law in any way, shape, form, or fashion. God's people are free from the law's curse, because *"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us"* (Gal.3: 13).

The law was not given to give life, or sanctification, but to reveal how sinful we really are. Can that which pronounces death give life? Can that which demands perfection give a man the ability to perform perfectly? *"Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law"* (Gal.4:21)? Do you not hear it say, *"by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in the sight of God"*, or *"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse"*? Have you not heard it say, *"Moreover the law entered that the offence might abound"*?

Thank God that Christ came to fulfill the law, and render to it absolute, perfect, full and final obedience. In doing so satisfied God's infinite justice on behalf of those who were under its curse, having bore its curse for them. It demanded perfection, he gave it. It demanded death if you didn't keep it, He died for those whom He represented. NOW, *"FOR CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS TO EVERYONE THAT BELIEVETH"* (Rom.10:4).

*"Free from the law, oh happy condition!
Jesus hath bled and there is remission;
Cursed by the law and bruised by the fall,
Christ hath redeemed us once for all"*

- Donnie Bell (Crossville, TN)

The lie from the Accuser of the Brethren is not that we have transgressed God's law. The lie is that we can fix it.

- Greg Elmquist (Apopka, FL)

BLACK ON BLACK

I am sure you have heard the story of the jeweler laying out his diamonds on a black cloth as an illustration of gospel preaching. The contrast of the black cloth against the beauty of the diamond makes the brilliance of the diamond easier to see. When we preach the gospel, we must tell of the blackness of man's sin and depravity. If the Lord ever makes us to see the blackness of our sin, the beauty and glory of Christ will be easy to see.

This week I changed all of the interior doorknobs in my daughter's house to the black door knobs that she wanted. While I was working on one of the knobs, I laid the black screws down on a black piece of felt that she had on a nearby dresser. I had the hardest time finding those screws later on when I needed them. It occurred to me then that the reason we don't see the blackness of our sin and depravity is because we are comparing ourselves to each other. When we compare one black sin to another black sin we don't seem so sinful. We only see the depravity of our sin when we compare ourselves to Christ! When we compare ourselves to Christ it is easy to see that we need Him to save us from our sin.

- Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

"To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous (tiresome), but for you it is safe." – Phil.3:1

We never grow weary of preaching the Word of our Lord, the gospel of His grace: and we never tire of gathering together in His Name to worship, pray, and fellowship with His people. The old story is forever NEW; the familiar scriptures are FRESHER AND SWEETER with every taste.

1. To often hear His Word preached is to keep our hearts and minds on Christ, the fountain of life.
2. To often hear His Word preached is a safeguard against false doctrine and false teachers. An untaught child is more easily led astray than one *"taught of God."*
3. To often hear His Word preached guards against self-righteousness. No danger of a person who is often in the presence of HIS HOLINESS seeing any merit in himself.

- Paul Mahan (Rocky Mount, VA)

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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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