CALL TO WORSHIP

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SCRIPTURE READING

Sun – Trevor S.

Wed – Bob M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Curtis family, in Arkansas and New Jersey, on the passing of Richard Curtis.

- Lord willing, Bro. Frank Tate will be here to preach for us on Tuesday, September 26th.

CLOSING HYMN

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The believer has the new nature that never sins and the old nature that always sins. This does not provide him with an excuse for sin nor a reason to not battle his sin.  But it does explain why he is so sinful. Amazingly and mysteriously, it is the new man that owns and confesses the sins of the old man!

On that day that I stand before God in judgment, due to my union with Jesus Christ, I will not stand, “Just as if I had never sinned.”  I will stand as one, “Who has never sinned.”  That is what true justification does for this sinner.

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

**THINGS I CANNOT DO**

I heard a message last week by **Pastor Henry Mahan** where he quoted an article from **Pastor Maurice Montgomery** entitled: **Things I cannot do.**

There is a holy God I cannot please; in the flesh no man can please God **(Rom. 8:8).**

There is a holy law I cannot keep; by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified **(Gal. 2:16)**.

There is a righteousness that God demands that I cannot produce **(Rom. 3:9-12)**.

There is a sin I cannot put away or make atonement for **(Ezk. 18:20, Titus 3:5)**.

There is a judgment I cannot escape **(Heb. 9:27)**.

There is an eternal condemnation I cannot endure **(Mark 9:44, Rom. 6:23)**.

After hearing those words of warning by Brother Maurice, these thoughts came to my mind. What shall we do? Look to the Lord Jesus Christ **(Isa 45:22)**!

He did please the Father in all things **(Isa. 42:1, Matt. 3:17)**. John 8:29; “*for I do always those things that please him.”*

He did fully honor and exalt the law of God **(Isa. 42:21, Matt. 5:17)**.

He did bring in everlasting righteousness for us and freely imputes that unto us **(Dan. 9:24; Rom. 4:6)**.

He did put away the sin of God’s people by the sacrifice of Himself **(Heb. 1:3, 9:26)**.

Christ did take the judgment for all the sin of God’s elect in His own body on the tree and suffered the wrath of God for them **(Isa. 53:10; 1 Peter 2:24)**.

Christ did endure eternal condemnation for us and by His sacrifice we are set free **(2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)**. Now, no condemnation to those in Christ **(Rom. 8:1; Gal. 5:1)**.

May God give us grace to always look to Him alone for all salvation; “Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith” **(Heb. 12:2)**.

- Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

**NO DEALINGS**

*“Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, how is it that thou,*

*being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.”* **- John 4:9**

The woman of Samaria told the Lord Jesus that the religious Jews, out of their self-righteous pride would have no dealings with the Samaritans, people who the Jews considered to be too sinful for salvation. But thank God, the Lord Jesus Christ came to save and to have dealings with sinners. He is the friend of sinners **(Matt. 11:19)**. Christ did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance **(Matt. 9:12:13)**. The Lord Jesus Christ came to seek and to save the lost **(Luke 19:10)**. Now the question for us to consider, are we sinners? Yes! Do we need the salvation from the hand of the Lord? Yes! This is a faithful saying, Christ came to save sinners **(1 Tim. 1:15)**.

- Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

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*“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”* **- I Corinthians 1:21**

Throughout the years I have met many men and women who objected to this.  Their basis for objecting was that each claimed to have been saved by some means other than the preaching of the gospel of Christ and him crucified.    But I have never met one person who God gave faith through the preaching of the gospel of Christ who objected that the preaching of Christ crucified is the means by which it pleased God to save.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

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*

###### August 27th, 2023

Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM

 - 10:30 AM

 Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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