

CALL TO WORSHIP

My Redeemer # 488

HYMN

Wounded For Me # 128

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Sunday (Dec 17th) we will not have services. Kimberly and I will be in Danville, KY. Lord willing, I will preach to the Saints there the 17th and Tuesday the 19th.

- Midweek service for the following week will be on **Thursday the 21st**, not Wednesday the 20th.

CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds # 187

*“I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, **and** repent in dust and ashes.”*

Job 42:5-6

Job abhorred (hated, loathed, was disgusted by) himself as many people have throughout time and do even today. However, this God wrought abhorring was so complete it resulted in something! Turning **from** self and **to** the Lord. That is repentance! To wallow in self-hatred, pity, or even shame is not salvation and peace with God. Turning to (coming to) Christ is life and peace.

- KBT

TWO TRUTHS TO CONSIDER

Some claim they were saved under Freewillism, but later embraced the doctrines of grace, from which time they say Freewillism preaches a false gospel, but nevertheless claim God saved them through it.

Brothers and sisters, here are two truths to consider regarding such a person:

First: God never saved anyone through a false gospel.

Second: not everyone embracing the doctrines of grace is saved.

- Daniel Parks (Great Falls, MT)

Our God is not on a shelf somewhere in some building; our God does not dwell in houses made with hands. Even the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him. God is too immense to be contained in a space or place. However, there is one person who contains all that God is, “*For in Him (Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily*” (Colossians 2:9). Jesus Christ contains in Him the fullness of God. If we desire to know and study God in the fullness of His person, look no further than Jesus Christ. “Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?” (John 14:9).

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

BARREN

2 Peter 1:8

“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

There are many women in the Bible that were barren. We all know that barren means sterile, infertile and childless. But barren also means unproductive, unfruitful and desolate. Sarah was barren but God gave her Isaac. Rebekah was barren but God gave her Jacob. Rachel was barren and the Lord gave her Joseph. Hannah was barren and the Lord gave her Samuel. Elizabeth was barren and the Lord gave her John, called the Baptist. These were all miraculous births. But the most miraculous birth of all was the birth of Jesus Christ by a woman named Mary, who was a virgin.

Have you ever considered that the word “barren” is a right description of what we are by nature? What a revelation we have here of what salvation is. It is the Lord taking a barren sinner and giving that sinner life within. These women are a picture of Christ’s bride, the church. Naturally speaking every chosen sinner is barren and can produce nothing. Only God can give life.

Religion has endeavored to change this marvelous truth by saying that the lost sinner has a work and a will to perform in order to have life, but we are barren, utterly ruined, and dead in trespasses and sin. They are unproductive and unfruitful in their work. They are desolate of any will within because they are dead. The Gospel is this. Christ Jesus came into the world to save barren sinners and give them life. Now they are fertile, profitable, fruitful and full of life with Christ as their Savior and Substitute.

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, 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

December 10th, 2023

Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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