

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken # 185

HYMN

How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds # 53

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cleaning for January – Mike & Karen

CLOSING HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd # 293

As Jacob addressed each of his sons before his death, he spoke these words to Judah: *“His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.”* (Gen 49v12) What a wonderful blessing for us who are spiritual Judah, spiritual Jews!!! (Rom2v29).

Having our eyes anointed with the blood of Christ and our teeth made white by the sincere milk of the Word, we see everything as it truly is and speak in truth. We know for sure and are comforted that Christ is the Victor and is on His throne. (Mat 26v64) We know the Father will also freely give us all things in Him. (Rom 8v32) And we cannot speak of anything other than what Christ has done, is doing, and shall do according to His word. (John 3v11)

This blessing of seeing through the lens of the blood of Christ has a profound affect. It drives all the believer's thoughts and decisions. How we deal with people, how we dress, where we live, how hard we work, and like Jacob, how we are buried.

It is my prayer that I am made to see His will and His glory in all things and that I may speak to all men everywhere the Person and Work of my Lord and my God!

- KBT

The glorious thing about the Gospel is this. If I can do nothing to merit, earn, or deserve my salvation, then I can certainly do nothing to lose it. Our righteousness before God is determined only by the finished work of Christ that God accepted as perfect. So with Paul we simply *“declare at this time, His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”* (Romans 3:26) My righteousness condemns me and His righteousness saves me. If God looks only at Christ's righteousness to save me, then He cannot and will not ever look to my righteousness to keep me. In Christ I am forever saved.

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

Our Savior said, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”* (Mt 11: 28) That word is not only for the first time our Redeemer calls us into the faith. It is our Shepherd's word to his sheep at all times in every situation. For all who Christ has given faith, our Savior has given us the rest of perfect righteousness in him. But we can certainly get ourselves into trouble where we labor and are heavy laden. Our salvation beginning to end is our Lord speaking effectually into our hearts and drawing us to him. If you are laboring under a heavy load, go to Christ now and he will give you rest.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

OUR ASSEMBLIES

By God's all-wise appointment, our assemblies are the life, the food, and the nourishment of our souls. It is the main way whereby we publicly identify with Christ and His Gospel. We evidence our love for Christ by our loyalty and support of one another in opposition to all false worship. Many things will rise up in competition to the diligent attendance of our assemblies. We must recognize and refuse to give in to anything that is opposed to what Christ commands. The total falling away of a graceless professor always begins with this neglect, this disassociation with God's people (Hebrews 10:25).

- John Owen (1616-1683)

