

CALL TO WORSHIP

To God Be the Glory #449

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here on Wednesday, September 10. We plan to meet at our regular time, and have refreshments and a time of fellowship following the service.
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HYMN

Be Thou My Vision #334

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

- Sound Doctrine Titus 2
 - It's All About Him Titus 2:10
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CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation #268

The Love of God Is Seen Inside the Ark

I have often reminded people of what a ridiculous thing it would have been had Noah put one of our bumper stickers on the outside of ark, which says "Smile, God loves you." But my son, Paul, called one fact to my attention—that this sign could have been stamped all over the inside of the ark; for those in the ark were certainly the objects of God's love.

His love chose them, redeemed them from destruction, and preserved them, just as His love in Christ chose, redeemed, and preserves all His elect.

"Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

- Henry Mahan

"Lord, empty me of pride, of self-reliance, and of any thought that I can stand before You in my own merit. Make me ever more poor in spirit, that I may be rich in Christ. Thank You that the kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who realize that they are undeserving, ill-deserving, and Hell-deserving sinners. Keep me humble before You, and let my heart always rest in the sufficiency of Your grace."

- Arthur Pink (1886-1952)

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" - Jeremiah 17:9

The sin of our fallen nature is a very mysterious thing. We read of the mystery of iniquity as well the mystery of godliness; and the former has lengths, depths, and breadths as well as the latter; depths which no human plumb-line ever fathomed, and lengths which no mortal measuring line ever spanned. Thus the way in which sin sometimes seems to sleep, and at other times to wake up with renewed strength, it's active, irritable, impatient, restless nature, the many shapes and colours it wears, the filthy holes and puddles in which it grovels, the corners into which it creeps, it's deceitfulness, hypocrisy, craftiness, persuasiveness, intense selfishness, utter recklessness, desperate madness, and insatiable greediness are secrets, painful secrets, only learned by bitter experience.

In the spiritual knowledge of these two mysteries, the mystery of sin and the mystery of salvation, all true religion consists. In the school of experience we are kept, day after day, learning and forgetting these two lessons, being never able to understand them, yet not satisfied unless we know them, pursuing after an acquaintance with them, and finding that they still, like a rainbow, recede from us as fast as we pursue them.

Thus we find realized in our own life and walk those heavenly contradictions, those divine paradoxes, that the wiser we get, the more foolish we become, (1 Cor. 3:18), and the stronger we grow, the weaker we are, (2 Cor. 12:9-10). The more we possess, the less we have, (2 Cor. 6:10), and the more completely bankrupt we are, the more frankly we are forgiven, (Luke 7:42). The more utterly lost we find ourselves, the more perfectly we are saved, (Luke 19:10), and when most like a little child, then are we the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, (Matt. 18:4).

- J. C. Philpot (1802-1869)

I have no righteousness but Christ who of God is made unto me righteousness. I have no sanctification but Christ who is made of God unto me sanctification. I have no redemption but Christ who is made of God unto me redemption. I have no holiness but Christ who is made of God unto me holiness.

-Don Fortner

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 2: 13-14

Sanctification is not a co-effort between God and the sinner. God alone sanctifies his people and God alone gets all the glory. God the Father sanctified his people in divine election, God the Son sanctified his elect in redemption and God the Holy Spirit sanctifies his elect in regeneration.

To be sanctified is to be holy. It is far more than mere outward morality. In sanctification, Christ is formed in you and we "obtain the glory of Christ." It means all that Christ is we are in Christ. With Christ formed in us, we are as holy as we will ever be.

Paul told the Corinthians "Ye ARE sanctified." He did not say you are being sanctified. He said—"Ye ARE sanctified." (1 Cor 1: 2; 6: 11) With Christ in us, we have that "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." (Heb 12: 14)

The scriptures declare that in Christ, God our Father "HATH made us meet" to enter into glory right now. Scripture declares God "HATH delivered us from the power of darkness, and HATH translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." God declares that in Christ "we HAVE redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Col 1: 12-14). When born again of God, the Spirit makes us know it is done!

God has sanctified us from what we vainly thought was sanctification so that those truly sanctified give God all the glory!

-pastor Clay Curtis

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"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Revelation 22:17

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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 AM

Sunday Service - 11:00 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." - *Matthew 11:29*