

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, Our Help in Ages Past #10

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- February birthdays: Thomas Carlyle 5th ; Roseanna McPheeters 13th
 - Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here on Sunday, March 22. Invite a friend!
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HYMN

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord #337

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

- We are streaming today's bible study and Sunday message from Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church via YouTube
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CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace #236

Are You a Sinner?

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 5:32

Recently, I read of an orphan walking down the street during the depression. He came to a big window. Inside was a lunch line of hot food. A man said, "Come inside boy and eat!" The little boy said, "I cannot, I am dirty. My clothes, my hands, my face is dirty!" The man said, "Are you an orphan?" He said, "Yes sir." The man said, "Son, this feast is prepared just for orphans."

Christ says his gospel feast is prepared just for sinners! Never let it enter your mind that Christ will not receive you because you are a sinner. Sin does not disqualify but qualifies us to come to Christ. "Is your head, your feet, your whole-self nothing but sin?" "Then come to Christ, son, this feast is prepared just for sinners!"

- pastor Clay Curtis

"What comfort can a Savior bring to those who never felt their woe?
A sinner is a sacred thing; the Holy Ghost hath made him so.
New life from Him we must receive, before for sin we rightly grieve."

- Joseph Hart (1712-1768)

What Should Be Preached

"...that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations..." Luke 24:47

Most of what is preached should not be preached, because it is not true to Scripture. But here the Lord tells us what should be preached. Repentance and remission of sins. What does that mean? How often have you tortured yourself over a misunderstanding of repentance? Have I really repented? Is my repentance deep enough and sincere enough? What does the Bible mean by repentance? The word means literally "a change of mind." Repentance and the remission of sins are not two different parts of the Gospel message. This could just as easily read... "Repentance toward or concerning the remission of sins." A "change of mind" concerning the remission of sins. We all naturally think that the remission, or forgiveness of sins comes to us through our doing something. Repentance is changing our way of thinking regarding how we have the remission of sins! We have the remission of sins through the work of the Lord Jesus on Calvary's Tree! "In Whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14). The remission of sins was accomplished for the elect when He died on the cross. "It is finished" means.... remission of sins is accomplished.

If we are granted a change of mind concerning the remission of sins, we will have a change of mind concerning everything else! Somebody once said, "Repentance is a change of mind, but, oh what a change!" This changes your mind concerning how you think about God, sin, salvation, and every aspect of your life. When one's mind is changed concerning the remission of sins, his motive is changed in serving Christ, and his manners (conduct) will necessarily be changed. There is no true obedience to Christ that is not founded on an understanding of how our sins are remitted through Christ. "Be ye kind, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32).

- pastor Todd Nibert

"...I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

Acts 20:20-21

