

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship #15

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- April birthdays: Mark Iverson - 8th
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HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story #431

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

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CLOSING HYMN

Day by Day #299

Purpose

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. Ephesians 1:11

God is not trying or attempting to save everybody that will let Him! God Almighty, in sovereign grace, saves whom He wills on PURPOSE. God does not make salvation “possible.” God makes salvation “certain.” Redemption in Christ has never been a thing of “possibility.” Redemption in Christ has always been “according to the purpose of him, who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.”

— pastor David Eddmenson

When God moves in salvation, He lays hold of one sinner and makes him a preacher. He lays hold of another sinner and makes him a hearer. He puts a message in the preacher and gives him the ability to preach it. He puts faith in the hearer and gives him the ability to believe it. And when the transaction is finished, all parties give God all the glory for all of it! The preacher cries: “Salvation is of the Lord!” The hearer cries: “Salvation is of the Lord!” The preacher takes no credit for the message! The hearer takes no credit for believing the message! They both in complete agreement say: “To God be the glory, great things He hath done!”

— pastor Gabe Stalnaker

You Cannot Keep Yourself Saved

Salvation is the work of God. It is HE ALONE who quickens the soul “dead in trespasses and sins,” and it is He also who MAINTAINS THE SOUL in its spiritual life. He is both “Alpha and Omega.” “Salvation is OF THE LORD.” If I am prayerful, GOD makes me prayerful; if I have graces, they are God’s gifts to me; if I hold on in a consistent life, it is because HE upholds me with His hand.

I DO NOTHING WHATEVER TOWARDS MY OWN PRESERVATION, EXCEPT WHAT GOD HIMSELF FIRST DOES IN ME.

WHATEVER I have, all my goodness is of the Lord alone. Wherein I sin, THAT IS MY OWN; but wherein I act rightly, THAT is of God, wholly and completely. If I have repulsed a spiritual enemy, the Lord’s strength nerved my arm. Do I live before men a consecrated life? It is not I, but CHRIST who liveth in me.

Am I sanctified? I did not cleanse myself: God’s Holy Spirit sanctifies me. Am I weaned from the world? I am weaned by God’s chastisements sanctified to my good. Do I grow in knowledge? The great Instructor teaches me. All my jewels were fashioned by heavenly art. I find in God all that I want; but I FIND IN MYSELF NOTHING BUT SIN AND MISERY. “He only is my rock and my salvation.”

Do I feed on the Word? That Word would be no food for me unless the Lord made it food for my soul, and helped me to feed upon it. Do I live on the manna which comes down from heaven? What is that manna but Jesus Christ himself incarnate, whose body and whose blood I eat and drink? Am I continually receiving fresh increase of strength? Where do I gather my might? My help cometh from heaven’s hills: WITHOUT JESUS I CAN DO NOTHING.

As a branch cannot bring forth fruit except it abide in the vine, no more can I, except I abide in Him. What Jonah learned in the great deep, let me learn this morning in my closet:

“Salvation is of the Lord!” Hallelujah!

—CH Spurgeon

*“Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop:
but a good word maketh it glad.”*

Proverbs 12:25

