

CALL TO WORSHIP

This Is My Father's World #39

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- April birthdays: Mark Iverson - 8th
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HYMN

Pass Me Not #235

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

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CLOSING HYMN

To God Be the Glory #449

For those of you who don't know the Lord, how do you deal with life? Do you go through life confused, bitter, and angry, dealing with questions you can't answer? Do you go through life with a flippant attitude, or believing you have the strength to deal with anything? As for me and I know I speak for God's people, I wouldn't want to face a moment without the Lord for ten thousand worlds like this. "We don't know what a day may bring forth", but we do know who brings it forth.

— pastor Donnie Bell

Brethren, do not try to make the gospel of God's grace tasteful to carnal minds. Hide not the offence of the cross, lest you make it of none effect. The angles and corners of the gospel are its strength; to pare them off is to deprive it of power. Toning down is not the increase of strength, but the death of the gospel.

— C. H. Spurgeon

In Christ, there is no further perfection to attain. In Christ, a sinner is made to be everything that God requires him to be. In Christ, wisdom is complete, righteousness is complete, sanctification is complete, and redemption is complete. To know Him is to know it all, and to have Him is to have it all. In Christ, we are as perfectly complete as we will ever be.

— pastor Gabe Stalnaker

Christ Our Jubilee

Leviticus 25:8-13; Luke 4:16-21

The acceptable year of the Lord, which our Lord said he came to preach, is in reference to the year of Jubilee. Jubilee was the Sabbath of Sabbaths. On the fiftieth year, after seven consecutive Sabbath years, came the year of Jubilee. On the day of atonement, on this fiftieth year, a trumpet was to be sounded throughout all the land declaring the manifestation of Jubilee. Jubilee was a time of glad tidings to the poor, a time of healing for the broken hearted, a time when deliverance was declared to the captive, and liberty given to them that are bruised. It was the acceptable year of the Lord. It was of this glorious Jubilee that our God was pleased to read and declare, to the church, that he, himself, was and is the Jubilee.

The trumpet (Lev. 25: 9) of Jubilee is the gospel of God's sovereign grace to sinners by the person and work of Jesus Christ. While it didn't mean much to the rich, except loss, it meant everything to the poor. In the Jubilee all debts were forgiven, a full restoration of their inheritance was made, and the captives were all set free.

Even so in our day the gospel means nothing but loss and sacrifice to the rich and self-righteous; but it is good news to the poor and needy. The trumpet of Jubilee is a sweet sound to sinners. It signifies the satisfaction of all his debts, declares to him a full restoration of his God-given inheritance, and signals the day he is set free. How carefully the sinner must have listened for the sound of that trumpet!

The old Jubilee lasted for one year and sadly some who were brought out of bondage soon returned to it again. But you and I are not under law but under grace. Christ is our Jubilee. This day, said our Lord, is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. Christ is our perpetual Jubilee. Those whose debts were satisfied in him are without sin forever. Those whose inheritance was restored, in him, are free forever.

Now are we free. There is no condemnation as Jesus provides a perfect salvation. He tells us come unto me. Oh, hear His sweet call. Come and he saves us once for all.

— pastor Darvin Pruitt

*He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul:
he that keepeth understanding shall find good.*

Proverbs 19:8

