

October 30, 2011

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Tune: ð-Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesusö)

God is holy, just, and righteous
When He saves us by His love;
He is so based on the merits
Of Christ's righteousness and blood.
Christ our Savior, Christ our Savior;
Look to Him and Him alone;
In His merits we find favor;
He our Lord is on the throne.

Christ has set us free from bondage;
We the debt no longer owe;
He has paid the fullest ransom,
Now the law must let us go.
Free in Jesus, free in Jesus;
Free to serve Him graciously;
He has bought our full salvation
Pardon, peace, and liberty.

Today's Speaker: Brother Winston Pannell will conduct the 11:00 am service today. Pray for him as he delivers God's word.

Business Meeting: Our Annual Business Meeting will be held next Sunday Nov. 06 at 9:45 am.

Television Broadcast: Our Reign of Grace Television program is being broadcast on WFXL Fox 31, Channel 4. The program will air every Sunday morning at 11 AM.

Radio Broadcast: Sunday morning at 9:30am on 98.7 FM öWISK. To hear sermons click [here](#)

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Birthdays: Richman öBrooksö Margeson ö Nov. 1st.

Short of Expectations

Romans 9:32 ðBut Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.32 wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. ”

Nothing is more frustrating than a product that fails to perform as promised. We look for products that meet our expectations and remain loyal customers only when those products perform to our standards. We are always looking for a better mouse trap.

Oh, that man was as demanding about spiritual matters. Men will compass sea and land to find that product, which tomorrow is obsolete. But they will not search the scriptures which never change, those scriptures that reveals a salvation which never changes. They have been sold a bill of goods that will not meet their expectations in the Day of Judgment. (Matthew 7:21-23), (Acts 17:31)

The law of God will do one of three things; it will motivate sinners to establish a righteousness of their own or it will stop the mouth and bring the sinner in guilty, with no hope of salvation by their works and it will prepare the heart to receive the gospel of Christ and his righteousness imputed for all their salvation.

All, as did Israel, fail to attain to the law of righteousness by our works of law. Nothing we do or abstain from doing equals God's righteousness imputed.

But everything Christ did equals the righteousness that God requires. His obedience, his suffering and death, his work satisfied God's law and justice and established the one righteousness in which saving faith rests.

God's elect expect to be finally glorified with Christ based on his righteousness imputed without any contribution from the sinner. We cannot fail nor be frustrated because (under the Gospel), the law, which before found us guilty of going about to establish a righteousness of our own, now demands our full, free, eternal salvation based on Christ's attaining unto the law of righteousness in our name and nature. Our faithful God promised; our suffering Savior provided; and we fully expect. “*He that began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*” (Philippians 1:6) “*Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*” Hebrews 4:1

--- Winston Pannell

GOOD NEWS

No message deserves the name "gospel" which does not set forth the good news that everything the thrice holy God required for the salvation of His people was fully and finally accomplished by the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. He satisfied the demands of a broken law for His people when for our sins He suffered, bled and died. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Galatians 3:13). The strokes of divine justice fell upon that blessed One Who died upon the cross in the stead of His people. The salvation of a chosen race was conditioned upon His obedience "unto death, even the death of the cross." God Almighty looked to His Son for complete satisfaction to His every demand and He was not disappointed.

It is not good news to set before me any conditions which I must meet before sin can be put away and God can declare me to be righteous. If you lay down certain ceremonies I must observe, spiritual advances I must make, specific duties I must perform or rigid precepts I must obey, you give me no hope at all; in fact, you mock me in my misery. If my salvation is dependent upon any contribution on my part, I must forevermore be lost because I am a sinful man, alienated from God because of my iniquities and there is no possibility of me ever winning His favor.

"The gospel of the blessed God" is good news for helpless sinners because it declares, "salvation is of the LORD." He appointed a people unto salvation and the Lord Jesus has cancelled the indebtedness of all the chosen ones. By His death He removed their sins and brought in everlasting righteousness. The exalted Sovereign sends to them the Holy Spirit Who grants to His people life, repentance and faith. He gives them the blessed assurance that Christ accomplished everything that needed to be done to justify them before God. This is a salvation conditioned, not upon the sinner, but upon Christ. Here is good news indeed!

--- Pastor Jim Byrd

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That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 5:21

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY 6 10:00 A.M.
11:00A.M.

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98.7 FM @ 9:30 am

TELEVISION BROADCAST

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