

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, September 10th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Hebrews 3:12-15

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

***We Gather Together**

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
the Lord was at our side- the glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

***Prayer of Invocation**

We ask God’s presence to enable us to worship him as we ought.

Recount the Wonders of His Mercy

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:8-11

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Streams of Mercy*)

Creator God,

At the beginning of time you created a day of rest, a sign pointing forward to the eternal rest that we will share with you forever. You now ask your people to set aside one day in seven – to rest and to worship; to remember our deliverance from bondage to sin; to know that all our needs come from your hands. We thank you for this precious gift, yet we misuse it in so many ways. For some of us it is a day to keep rules, impress others with our piety, and parade our righteousness instead of needing yours. We dress our bodies for church while our hearts are cold, filled with pride and self-sufficiency. We display our spiritual victories for others to admire, yet we don't confess the sinfulness we struggle with moment by moment. We memorize Scripture and catechisms, we lift our hands in prayer, and we serve energetically, relying on our own goodness as though it could ever satisfy you. Father, forgive us.

For some of us, Sunday is a day like any other day: a day to catch up on work, to play and recreate with no thought of you and no desire to make worship and fellowship a priority. We foolishly believe that we can love you well on our own, without the brothers and sisters with whom you have called us to walk through life. We feel little awe and reverence for you or gratitude for all you have done. Our appetite for your Word is small, while our belief in our own understanding looms large. We are wise in our own eyes, and we fail to see the consequences of our selfish and immature behavior. Lord, have mercy on us in our weakness and sin.

Jesus, you loved your Father above all and delighted to worship and study in his house. From your childhood, you were a careful scholar, dedicating yourself to studying and teaching others. You loved to pray and withdrew often to meditate and speak with your heavenly Father. Your heart was never cold, but always warmly devoted to living in gratitude, faith, and obedience. Jesus, thank you for honoring the Sabbath for us, in your heart and with your body. You courageously faced every temptation to misuse it, standing firm because you know we would need your goodness to stand before a holy God. Thank you, precious Savior.

Holy Spirit, correct our thinking and strengthen our souls. We are blind and deceived by our own wisdom; open our eyes and show us our hearts. Remind us of the love of Christ until our hearts are humbly drawn to hunger for God's Word preached faithfully. Help us to understand your Word and to know what you ask of us. Help us to believe that you are loving and that all your commands are good for us and are meant for our joy and growth. Holy Spirit, help us to worship wholeheartedly, and strengthen us with the body and blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. Enable us to love other believers, even when it feels uncomfortable to be in church. May all other things seem small and insignificant compared to loving and obeying you well, as we look forward to worshiping you forever, gathered with all the saints around your throne. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*I’ll Rest in Christ

No more, my God, I boast no more of all the deeds that I have done;

I leave the hopes I held before to trust the merits of your Son.

So I’ll come to you and rest from my so-called righteousness.

I will cease my striving and put my hope in Jesus, trusting in his work for me:

I’ll rest in Christ.

By sov’reign love I bear his name, what was my gain I count my loss.

My former pride I call my shame and nail my glory to his cross. *Chorus*

The finest works of my own hands dare not appear before your throne:

But faith can meet your law’s demands for Jesus’ deeds are now my own.

Chorus (twice)

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

Galatians 1:1-9

Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—² and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even

if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

Sermon

What in the World is Happening There?

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

Proposition: In Galatians 1:6-9, Paul expresses his astonishment before the Galatian believers that they are embracing a different gospel which deserves nothing but anathema.

I. The Apostle Paul's _____ before the Galatian Believers.

II. The Apostle Paul's _____ before the Galatian Believers.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Q. Dear Christians, what do we believe about the knowledge of Salvation in the Scripture?

A 1.6. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory and man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly stated in Scripture or by good and necessary inference may be deduced from Scripture, unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit or by traditions of men. Nevertheless, we acknowledge that the inward illumination of the Spirit of God is necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word. We also acknowledge that there are some circumstances concerning the

worship of God and the government of the church—circumstances common to human activities and societies—which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

A 1.7. Not all things in Scripture are equally plain in themselves or equally clear to all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation are so clearly stated and explained in one place or another in Scripture, that not only the educated but also the uneducated may gain a sufficient understanding of them by a proper use of the ordinary means.

(We will receive our gifts and offerings for the Lord's work during the singing of the next song.)

***Grace Unmeasured**

Grace unmeasured, vast and free that knew me from eternity,
That called me out before my birth to bring you glory on this earth.
Grace amazing, pure and deep that saw me in my misery,
That took my curse and owned my blame so I could bear your righteous name.

*Grace paid for my sins and brought me to life;
Grace clothes me with power to do what is right.
Grace will lead me to heaven where I'll see your face,
And never cease to thank you for your grace.*

Grace abounding, strong and true that makes me long to be like you:
That turns me from my selfish pride to love the cross on which you died.
Grace unending all my days you'll give me strength to run this race,
And when my years on earth are through the praise will all belong to you. *Chorus*

Receive the Gifts of His Grace

The Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

Come, weary saints, though tired and weak, hide away in the love of Jesus
Your strength will return by His quiet streams, hide away in the love of Jesus

Come, wandering souls, and find your home, hide away in the love of Jesus
He offers the rest that you yearn to know, hide away in the love of Jesus.

*Hear him calling your name see the depths of his love
In the wounds of his grace, hide away, hide away.*

Come guilty ones, weighed down with sin, hide away in the love of Jesus;
The freedom you long for is found in him, hide away in the love of Jesus.

Refrain

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair, hide away in the love of Jesus;
For ten thousand joys await you there, hide away in the love of Jesus.

Refrain

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

***Benediction**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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