

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, September 17th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!
Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.
Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.
Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

***Psalm 119 E**

That I may keep Your statutes, LORD,
Instruct me in their way.
Yes, make me wise to keep Your law;
Whole-hearted, I'll obey

Lead me to walk in Your commands;
They bring me joy indeed
Incline my heart to seek Your law
And turn away from greed.

Avert my eyes from worthless things;
Confirm Your word to me.
That I Your servant be revived
To serve You reverently.

O take away my feared disgrace;
Your laws are good indeed.
Revive me in Your righteousness;
I long for Your decrees.

***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 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Streams of Mercy*)

Almighty God, precious heavenly Father,

You alone are worthy of all honor and praise, and to worship and adore you is our noblest privilege. You deserve honor, respect, and obedience from all of your creatures, for you have made them and your will alone gives them life and purpose. You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Creation is full of your glory, and you have given us all things richly to enjoy. All your works praise you; all your saints bless and honor you. Let us be numbered with your holy ones who gather around your throne. Let us join them in their endless adoration, sit with them at the feet of Jesus, and grow to resemble them in godly character.

Father, forgive us for the many ways in which we sin against your wise commands. As children, we fail to honor our parents. We are prone to give way to rebellious, arrogant, selfish, and demanding hearts that disobey and dishonor those whom you have commanded us to respect. As parents, we often exasperate and sin against our children, making it difficult for them to keep this commandment and obscuring their ability to know and love you. Every day we must confess that we honor you with our lips while our hearts are given over to the worship of our favorite idols. Father, forgive us and have mercy on us, for we are wretched sinners. We thank you for the radiant beauty of your perfect Son, who honored you with flawless obedience and reverence. Cover us with his goodness and clothe us in his righteousness. Look upon us and see him, for the sake of his glorious name.

Holy Spirit, deliver us from the darkness of our minds, the corruption of our hearts, the temptations of the evil one, and the dangerous snares in the world that surrounds us. Show us our disrespectful thoughts toward you and toward our parents, and help us to repent. Humble us and fill us with gratitude that will melt our cold hearts and match the words of love and loyalty that cross our lips so easily. Help us to love and honor imperfect parents for your sake. Enable us to parent with wisdom, compassion, and gentleness. Make us quick repenters who confess our sin readily to one another and fly swiftly to the throne of your grace to find help in our great need. Let us celebrate every day the enormous love you have displayed toward us in sacrificing your most precious treasure, your only Son, so that we could be your children. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men,
Oh you rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise, you are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh we hopelessly lost the way. *Chorus*

Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving your own,
Here in our weakness you find us, falling before your throne,
Oh we're falling before your throne. *Chorus*

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Galatians 1:10-2:10

¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

¹¹ For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my

former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

¹ Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ² I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴ Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵ to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶ And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸ (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Sermon

How Can You Be So Sure, Paul?!?

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

Proposition: In Galatians 1:10-2:10, the Apostle Paul defends his Gospel according to its divine origin and the apostolic validation.

I. The _____ of the Apostle Paul's Gospel.

II. The _____ for the Apostle Paul's Gospel.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

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

A 1.9. The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself. Therefore, when there is a question about the true and full meaning of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), that meaning must be searched out and ascertained by other places that speak more clearly.

A 1.10. The supreme judge by whom all controversies of religion are to be settled and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and claims to private revelations are to be examined, can be only the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture. With his decision we are to be satisfied.

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

***How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled:

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathways will lie,
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply;
The flame will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

Even down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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.

Jesus, Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend, the agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.
Your blood has washed away my sin: Jesus, thank you!
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank you!
Once your enemy, now seated at your table, Jesus, thank you!

By your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near;
Your enemy you've made your friend.
Pouring out the riches of your glorious grace;
Your mercy and your kindness know no end. *Refrain*

Lover of my soul, I want to live for you (4x) *Refrain*

Let the Nations Be Glad

Let the glory of the Lord forever be a joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ has come

Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the nations be glad

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died
Still we're holding out the cross
Crossing ocean suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life *Refrain*

As your holy church goes forth, in the Holy Spirit's power
With the glories of the Gospel to explain
Now we pray Your kingdom come
And we pray Your will be done
For the honor and the glory of Your name *Refrain*

***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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