

JUNE 26, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Tune – O God Our Help in Ages Past – p. 10)

**Jesus, the Lord, My Saviour is,
My Shepherd and my God,
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,
And I His grace record.**

**Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace most richly meet,
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In whom I stand complete.**

**As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.**

**“Worthy the Lamb,” shall be my song,
For He for me was slain;
And with me all the heavenly throng,
Shall join and say, “Amen”.**

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TODAY'S SERVICES –

**BIBLE CLASS – 10:00 a.m. – “The Value of God's Word”
Luke 16:19-31 - TV Broadcast - Bill Parker**

MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 a.m –

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HYMN – I Love Thy Kingdom Lord - 188

**MESSAGE – “Beware of False Prophets” - Matthew 7:5-23
Jim Casey**

CLOSING HYMN – How firm a Foundation - 268

Birthdays: Connie Qualls - June 27th | WIP Payne - June 29th

PRAYER REQUESTS – Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard Qualls, Cassie Broxton, Nancy Byrd, James Mwali and the mission in Malawi, Africa.

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Debbie and I are in The Dalles, OR, where I am preaching this morning at Sovereign Grace Church. Please pray for Brother Jim Casey as he preaches here and for me as I preach in Ruston. Please pray for Debbie and me as we will drive from Atlanta to Kentucky this week. Debbie will be staying there a few weeks to help with our grandboys. The Lord willing, I will be home by Friday and be preaching here next Sunday. —Pastor Bill Parker

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“ALL THE SAINTS SALUTE YOU”

The Apostle Paul wrote this to the believers in the church at Corinth (**2 Cor. 13:13**). A saint is a sinner saved by the grace of God in the Lord Jesus Christ, and one of God's elect. This election is known by true God-given faith in Christ for all salvation – forgiveness, righteousness, eternal life, and glory. “*Salute*” means to greet as in welcoming and embracing as brethren in the faith. It is such an encouragement to know that we have brethren in other places. We may not know them by name, but we have a spiritual and eternal connection with them by God's grace in Christ. When I stand to preach this Friday to the saints in The Dalles, OR, I will be privileged to tell them that the saints in Albany, GA, salute you. Think about how awesome this is!

—Pastor Bill Parker

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THE BELIEVER'S POSITION

The believer is perfect in Christ; but in himself he is a poor, feeble creature, ever liable to fall. Oh, the unspeakable blessedness of having One who can manage all his affairs for him at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens; One who upholds him always by His right hand; ONE WHO WILL NEVER LET HIM GO; One who is “the same yesterday, today, and forever;” One who will bear him through all the difficulties and dangers which surround him and finally present him FAULTLESS before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Blessed forever be the grace that has made such provision for all our need in the blood of a spotless victim and the intercession of a Divine High Priest!

—Scott Richardson

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST

There is something wonderfully vast and glorious in the righteousness of our Savior freely imputed, reckoned, credited to every sinner saved by the grace of God. You have read in the Scriptures of the flood waters covering the earth in the days of Noah. It is written that not even the peaks of the highest mountains could be seen. Nothing was visible except for the vastness of an endless body of water, reflecting the rays of the sun and revealing the only place of safety from that deluge, the ark. O my sinful friend. Would to God that you would be called by the Lord to “come into the ark” of salvation, Christ the Lord. May you be enabled by the Spirit of grace to lie down, as it were, under the righteousness of God established for sinners by Christ’s finished work. For all who do, you are assured from the Word of God that even the mountains of your sins will never be seen by the Lord. All that is visible to God is the vastness of the impeccably glorious righteousness of your Redeemer and Savior, freely given to you by the all-gracious God.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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My times of sorrow and of joy, great God are in Thy hand;
My choicest comforts come from Thee and go at Thy command.

If Thou shouldst take them all away yet would I not repine;
Before they were possessed by me they were entirely Thine.

Nor would I drop a murmuring word, though the whole world were gone,
But seek enduring happiness in Thee and Thee alone.

What is the world with all its store? ‘Tis but a bitter sweet;
When I attempt to pluck the rose, a prickling thorn I meet.

Here perfect bliss can ne’er be found, the honey’s mixed with gall;
Midst changing scenes and dying friends, be Thou my All in All.

--Benjamin Beddome (1818)

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For these six thousand years God has been multiplying pardons, and yet free grace is not tired. Christ undertook to satisfy, and He hath money enough to pay. It were folly to think that an emperor’s revenue will not pay a beggar’s debt. Mercy is an ocean, ever flowing yet ever full. The saints carry loads of experiences with them to heaven. Free grace can show you large accounts and a long bill cancelled by the blood of Christ.

—Thomas Manton