

WORSHIP GUIDE

Called by Grace, Part 3

THERE ARE A FEW ELEMENTS in this wonder of salvation to which we must call attention. First of all, it may be emphasized that this calling always takes place through the preaching of the Word. For, “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?” (Romans 10:14,15). A preacher is a man who is authorized by Christ to speak in His name, and through whom it pleases Christ to speak His own Word to men. Hence, he must be sent. The sinner must hear Christ speak to him. He must not hear the voice of a preacher, the voice of a mere man, but the voice of Jesus say to him: “Come unto me, and rest.” A literal translation puts it this way: “How shall they believe in him whom (vs. of whom) they have not heard?” The dead must hear the voice of the Son of God. (John 5:25) The sheep must hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. (John 10:3,27)

The word of a mere man has no power, even though he could quote the Scriptures. Of what avail would it be if I would say to you that you must repent? Would you not say to me that I had better mind my own business? Or what would be the effect of my word, if I would assure you that Christ died for you? Would that be a sound basis of faith for you? Or does it help any if I bid you come to Christ? But if Christ Himself speaks to you and causes His mighty Word to reach your inmost heart, you will repent, come to Him, believe, follow. “My sheep hear *my* voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)

Now it pleases Christ to cause His own voice to be heard through the preaching of the Word. And therefore, not everyone whom it pleases to assume the authority to preach is for that reason a preacher. A preacher must be sent. “How shall they preach except they be sent?” He must be called and commissioned by the Lord Christ Himself to preach. But how can anyone be sure that he is sent by Christ, that he may appear as Christ’s ambassador, and that therefore Christ will speak His own mighty and living Word through his preaching?

The answer of the Bible is very clear on this point: Christ sent and commissioned His apostles, and through them, His church to preach the gospel to all nations and every creature. This is very specific. The preaching of the gospel is not left to the whim and the choice of any individual who may take a fancy to preaching, but it is enjoined upon and entrusted to the church. To the church He gave His Spirit, that He might lead her into all the truth; and to that church He also entrusted His Word, that she might keep it, preserve it, and proclaim it even unto the ends of the earth. And the church accomplishes this holy calling through the ministry which the Lord Himself instituted. He, therefore, whom Christ calls through His church is a preacher, and no one else.

Sermon Notes Rev. Phil Owen

Coming Up:

1/24/21 PM Service:

Guest Minister Rev. Phil Owen

1/31/21 AM Service: Rev. Jonathan Hunt

The Defense of the Gospel

Well Received

Galatians 4:12-20



The Lord’s Day Morning

Sunday, January 24, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

The Reverend Mr. Phil Owen, *Presiding*
The Ruling Elder Mr. Jonathan Bergmann, *Assisting*

The Welcome

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

Psalm 106:1

* **The Hymn of Praise**

All Ye That Fear Jehovah’s Name

see bulletin

* **Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sin**

Deuteronomy 5:8-10; Isaiah 40:18; 44:9, 18-20; 2 Chronicles 6:27

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* **The Gospel Promise**

Isaiah 43:25

see bulletin

* **The Response of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 7:17

see bulletin

* **The Doxology**

The Pastoral Prayer

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 5:1-9

The New Testament Reading

Revelation 18:15-20

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* **The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings**

* **The Psalm of Preparation**

Psalm 72:1-8 - *God, Give Your Judgements to the King*

Psalm 72A

Psalm 103:1-13 - *Bless the LORD, My Soul*

Psalm 103B

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God’s Word

Guest Minister, Rev. Phil Owen

* **The Song of Response**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

see bulletin

* **The Benediction**

* **The Gloria Patri**

* — Please stand, as you are able.

All Ye That Fear Jehovah's Name

1. All ye that fear Je - ho - vah's name,
 2. The suff - 'ring One he has not spurned,
 3. O Lord, your good - ness makes me raise
 4. For all the meek you will pro - vide,
 5. The Lord's un - fail - ing right - eous - ness

his glo - ry tell, his praise pro - claim;
 who un - to him for help has turned;
 a - mid your peo - ple songs of praise;
 they shall be fed and sat - is - fied;
 all gen - er - a - tions shall con - fess;

you chil - dren of his cho - sen race,
 from him he has not hid his face,
 be - fore all them that fear you, now
 all they that seek the Lord shall live
 from age to age shall men be taught

stand now in awe be - fore his face,
 but an - swered his re - quest in grace,
 I wor - ship you and pay my vow,
 and nev - er - end - ing prais - es give,
 what won - drous works the Lord has wrought,

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The Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 5:8-10; Isaiah 40:18; 44:9, 18-20

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

All who fashion idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit. Their witnesses neither see nor know, that they may be put to shame.

They know not, nor do they discern, for he has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, "Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

The Confession of Sin

2 Chronicles 6:27

Hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk!

The Gospel Promise

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

The Response of Thanksgiving

Psalms 7:17

I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in ag - es past,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood,
 4. A thou - sand ag - es in thy sight
 5. The bus - y tribes of flesh and blood,

Our hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
 Thy saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is thine
 Or earth re - ceived her frame, From ev - er - last - ing
 Are like an eve - ning gone; Short as the watch that
 With all their lives and cares, Are car - ried downward

storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 by thy flood, And lost in foll'w - ing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Bears all its sons away;
 They fly forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be thou our guard while troubles last,
 And our eternal home