

April 1, 2018

Tune: How Firm a Foundation

With harps and with vials there stands a great throng,
In the presence of Jesus and sings this new song;
"To Him who hath loved us and washed us from sin,
To Him be the glory forever, Amen"

All these once were sinners, defiled in His sight,
Now arrayed in pure garments, their voices unite;
"To Him who hath loved us and washed us from sin,
To Him be the glory forever, Amen"

He maketh the rebel a priest and a king,
He hath bought us and taught us this new song to sing;
"To Him who hath loved us and washed us from sin,
To Him be the glory forever, Amen"

Aloud in His praises our voices shall ring,
So that others, believing, this new song shall sing;
"To Him who hath loved us and washed us from sin,
To Him be the glory forever, Amen"

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Special Dates:

Jason Scholten – 6 ~ Maria Vlastuin - 7

Cody Vande Hoef - 10 ~ Fred Vlastuin – 10

Our spring conference is scheduled for May 4-6. Donnie Bell will preach for us, D.V.

Many who have departed legal religion love preaching that exposes the lies of free-will works religion. But, sadly, many of the same people are less zealous for the preaching of Christ crucified alone. Why?

All who came out of Egypt were happy to be free from the bondage of slavery. They all greatly rejoiced when God drowned Pharaoh and his army. But soon the majority murmured against God's servants because they loathed the manna from heaven.

Exposing vain religion certainly has its place in gospel preaching. But preaching Christ in all his triumphant glory exposes the lies of legal religion like nothing else. Not only this, the word of Christ is the discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4: 12)

-Clay Curtis

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The angel said to the women at our Lord's tomb, "He is not here, for He is risen as He said." This may be the only time in which it was a great blessing for someone to utter the words, "He is not here." -Joe

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In exalting the Lord Jesus Christ over the founders of other religions, Daniel Parks made the following comments:

...And His tomb is more awesome than theirs. Theirs contains dead men's bones, but His is empty! Theirs contains the remains of men who succumbed to death, but His was vacated after He conquered death. Theirs reek with the foul stench of rot and decay, but into His has blown the sweet and fragrant breath of life. Theirs are occupied by bodies which will remain lifeless until the final resurrection, but from His has come forth Him who is Himself "the resurrection and the life" and the giver of life to all who believe in Him. (John 11:25) Theirs are occupied with bodies which will appear alongside the rest of humanity at the final judgment, but from His has come Him who will judge them all.

If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8.31

The things which stand opposed to the believer are numerous and powerful and the believer knows himself to be weak. We are quite certain that one moment left to ourselves would be one moment too much and all that we had hoped for would be lost in one overwhelming onslaught by the enemies of our souls.

But, this does not leave us in fear about our futures. We need never feel that terror which grips the heart of the man who must rely on himself for his soul's salvation. For the believer in Christ, neither the weakness of himself nor the strength of his enemies is of any consequence. Our weakness in these matters is irrelevant for there was never any relevance assigned to our strength. If our strength is irrelevant to the issue, so is our weakness. The power and strength of our salvation is God, Himself. Moreover, the number and strength of our foes is just as irrelevant, for no one of them or even all of them assembled together are a match for the God of our salvation.

It is no wonder that the legalist and the free-willer must be in a constant state of doubt and fear for at least some part of their salvation is resting upon their own strength. But not so with the child of God; His entire salvation is wrapped up in the will and power of God, and there is nothing in this creation that can withstand the will and power of God!

-Joe

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The trials, afflictions, persecutions and heartaches of this world are to believers much like the hornets sent by God to gradually drive out the Canaanites from the promised land. The repeated stings of life in a sin-cursed world make God's people ready and willing to leave this world for the presence of God. Not only to be simply rid of these things but to be with Christ who delivered us from this present evil world.

-Gary Shepard

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Order of Service

* Hymn of the Day (Inside Bulletin)

Scripture

*Hiding in Thee #282

How Can We Question Our Great God? #cb13

Sermon: "The Sign of the Prophet Jonah"

Jonah 2

*O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #46

* congregation standing

Preaching Christ

Nothing More - Nothing Less - Nothing Else!