



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Christ has a further intention in this. The Pharisee doubted whether he was a prophet or no, nay, he did in effect deny it; but Christ shows that he was more than a prophet, for he is one that has power on earth to forgive sins, and to whom are due the affections and thankful acknowledgments of penitent pardoned sinners.

-Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude **Glen Harper**

Special Music **Chris Hale**

'It is Well with My Soul'

Hymn **Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners (206)**

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!

While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'er takes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 44:21-28

²¹ Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. ²² I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. ²³ Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel. ²⁴ Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, ²⁵ who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men back and makes their knowledge foolish, ²⁶ who confirms the word of his servant and fulfills the counsel of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,' and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built, and I will raise up their ruins'; ²⁷ who says to the deep, 'Be dry; I will dry up your rivers'; ²⁸ who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose'; saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Behold Our God (126)

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered ev'ry grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.
Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare.
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare.
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave.
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!
Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare.
You will reign forever (let Your glory fill the Earth)
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Hymn Rock of Ages (209)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Scripture Reading Luke 7:36-50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." ⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Offertory Prayer

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon Rev. Brandon Ash

'The Nature of Sincere Love' Luke 7:36-50

Hymn In Christ Alone (177)

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song:
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when striving cease;
My Comforter, my All in All;
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Sermon Outline

The Nature of Sincere Love (Luke 7:36-50 ESV)

1. Introduction
 - A. Testimony
 - B. Addressing Error
 - 1.) The Love of Christ
 - a) Christ is approachable (Lk. 7:36-39; Jn. 12:1-8; Matt. 26:6-13; Matt. 11:28-30)
 - b) Christ is Gentle (Matt. 11:29; Lk. 7:44-46, 48; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 12:10)
 - c) Christ is kind (Rom. 2:4)
 - d) Application
 - 2.) The Appearance of Love
 - a) Jesus and the Pharisees (Lk. 7:36; Luke 5:17-26: 27-32; 33-39; 6:1-5; 6-11;
 - b) Christ the master teacher (Lk. 7:40-43; 44-47)
 - c) Keeping up Appearances
 - 1) Antinomianism
 - 2) Legalism (Lk. 7:47; 41-42)
 - 3.) The Sincere Love of the Repentant Sinner
 - a) A repentant sinner worships from the heart (Lk. 7:44-46; Jn. 4:24)
 - b) A repentant sinner understands Christ's completed work (Lk. 7:48)
 - c) A repentant sinner lives a life of peace with God (Lk. 7:50)

K group Questions

1. Explain how the person and work of Christ motivates you as a believer to follow Him?
2. Name some modern antinomian (lawlessness) errors and the threats that they pose to our affections for Jesus? What is the remedy?
3. Name some modern legalistic errors and the threats that they pose to our affections for Jesus? What is the remedy?
4. In light of God's unwavering love for us, how do we avoid spiritual apathy?
5. How do we grow in our assurance of faith? What has God given to aid us in this growth? (1 Jn. 5:13)

Announcements

Chili Cook off - Today

Make plans to join us for our 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off **TODAY at 4:00 pm** at 197 Kelly Drive, Huntsville. In addition to bringing your crockpot of chili to share we encourage you to bring a dessert as well. We will provide the drinks, ice, and all plasticware. We ask everyone bring lawn chairs or blankets, and roasting sticks for S'mores. We will also have a Cornhole Competition so if you have a board, please bring it with you. We will also have hayrides for everyone to enjoy and a place for family pictures. Please have your chili there no later than 4:30PM so the judges have time to sample and vote. Dinner will begin at 5PM immediately following the judging.

History Conference – November 12-13

The History of Christmas will be the theme of our church history conference this year. Guest speaker, Dr. Timothy Larsen is McManis Professor of Christian Thought at Wheaton College as well as author/editor to twenty books. Mark your calendars and add your name to the signup sheet located on the foyer table.

Friday, Nov. 12th

7PM Session 1: *Is Christmas Unbiblical or Pagan?*

Saturday, November 13th

9AM Session 2: *The Victorian Transformation of Christmas*

10:30AM Session 3: *The Christmas Carol Tradition*

11:30 AM Questions & Answers

Deputy Christmas Bags

It is time to fill deputy gift bags for the 2021 season. All items donated will be given to Madison County Sheriff Deputies. If you want to contribute, use this link to access the Amazon Shopping List for the Deputy Christmas Bags.

<https://amzn.to/3kvQAwN>

Selected items will be sent to the Chaplains Corps main office. Please share this list / link with ANYONE who has an interest in supporting our deputies. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Kramer.