

Selected Readings

“Only now be thankful, and continue, continue, continue, my good lord, continue to confess Christ. ‘Be not ashamed of Him before men,’ for then ‘will not He be ashamed of you.’ Now will He try you: stick fast unto him, and He will stick fast by you; ‘he will be with you in trouble and deliver you.’ But then must you cry unto Him, for so it precedeth: ‘He cried unto me, and I heard: I was with him in trouble’

“Remember Lot’s wife which looked back; remember Francis Spira; remember that ‘none is crowned except He strive lawfully.’ Remember that all you have is at Christ’s commandment. Remember He lost more for you than you can lose for him. Remember you lose not that which is lost for his sake, for you shall find much more here and elsewhere. Remember you shall die; and when and where and how you cannot tell. Remember the death of sinners is most terrible. Remember, ‘the death of God’s saints is precious in his sight.’ Remember the multitude goeth ‘the wide way’ which windeth to woe. Remember, that ‘the strait gate,’ which leadeth to glory, hath but few travelers. Remember, Christ biddeth you ‘strive to enter in thereat.’ Remember, ‘he that trusteth in the Lord’ shall receive strength to stand against all the assaults of his enemies.

“Be certain, ‘all the hairs of your head are numbered.’ Be certain, your good Father hath appointed bounds, over the which the devil dare not look. Commit yourself to Him: He is, hath been, and will be your keeper: ‘cast your care on Him, and He will care for you.’ Let Christ be your scope and mark to prick at; let Him be your pattern to work by; let Him be your ensample to follow: give Him as your heart so your hand, as your mind so your tongue, as your faith so your feet; and let His word be your candle to be before you in all matters of religion.”

~ Writing to Francis Russell, Earl of Bedford

By John Bradford (1510-1555)

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~

Song #140 ~ O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 13:29-59

Song #197 ~ The Power of the Cross

Prayer

Sermon ~ Romans 11:25-27

Prayer

Lord’s Supper

Song ~ The Look

Revelation 19:1 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.”

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Text: Romans 11:25-27

Theme: God has not permanently rejected Israel.

- I) The possibility of boasting for Gentiles is eliminated when Gentiles are informed of certain truths (v. 25-26a).
 - A. A partial hardening has happened to Israel.
 - 1. Isaiah was commissioned during this hardening (Isaiah 6:8-11).
 - 2. The Lord has removed men far away (Isaiah 6:12).
 - 3. Paul confirmed Israel's hardening (Acts 28:25-28).
 - B. This hardening to Israel will continue until the fulness of the Gentiles.
 - 1. The salvation of the Gentiles has always been assumed (Galatians 3:8-9).
 - 2. Gentiles should not boast because God can easily cut them out from the olive tree (Romans 11:21).
 - C. All Israel will be saved.
 - 1. All Israel cannot mean every Israelite since Abraham.
 - i. Paul laments Israel's rejection (9:1-3).
 - ii. The Gospel is for Jew and Gentile (1:16).
 - 2. All Israel must refer to all in a given point in time—namely after the fullness of the Gentiles.

- II) Isaiah specifically prophesied Israel's salvation (v. 26b-27).
 - A. The passages quoted from Isaiah prophesy salvation (Isaiah 27:9 & 59:20-21).
 - 1. Israel will be gathered up one-by-one (Is. 27:12).
 - 2. His Spirit will be upon them from now and forever (Is. 59:21).
 - B. Isaiah is referring to ethnic Israel (Isaiah 27:9; 59:20).
 - 1. Jacob refers specifically to Israel (Genesis 35:10).
 - 2. Abraham and Isaac both had non-Israelite children.
 - 3. Isaiah uses the term Jacob 41 times and some of them are clearly referring to ethnic Israel (Isaiah 14:1; 49:6).
 - 4. The context of this section in Isaiah is that the Redeemer will rescue Israel from Babylon (Isaiah 43:14).
 - C. The covenant mentioned is the New Covenant (Isaiah 59:21).
 - 1. God's Spirit will dwell within them (Isaiah 59:21).
 - 2. God will put His Words in their mouth (Isaiah 59:21).
 - 3. The covenant is everlasting (Isaiah 59:21).
 - 4. Sins will be forgiven (Isaiah 27:9).
 - 5. Compare this to the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31-34).
- III) Therefore, rejoice that we, as Gentiles, have been grafted in!