



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 28th, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Prashant Thakkar

Hymn "Complete in Thee"

Hymn "Joy Unspeakable"

The Reading of the Word — *Leviticus 16:1-34* Prashant Thakkar

Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

The Interlude Instrumentalists

The Sermon — *"Understanding Grace, Pt. II" (Ezekiel 36:27)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

The Benediction Prashant Thakkar

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus"

The Sermon — *I John 2:3-11* Seth Lirette

Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

On Justification, Pt. II

Conscience gets a full answer to her tremendous question. The wrath of God against iniquity, whatever that may be, must be terrible beyond all conception. Well did Moses say, "Who knoweth the power of thine anger?" Ps.90:11. Yet, when we hear the Lord of glory cry, "Why hast thou forsaken me?" Mt.27:46 and see Him yielding up the ghost, we feel that the justice of God has received abundant vindication by obedience so perfect and death so terrible, rendered by so divine a person. If God Himself bows before His own Law, what more can be done? There is more in the atonement by way of merit than there is in all human sin by way of demerit. The great gulf of Jesus' loving self-sacrifice can swallow up the mountains of our sins, all of them. For the sake of the infinite good of this one representative Man, the Lord may well look with favor upon other men, however unworthy they may be in and of themselves. It was a miracle of miracles that the Lord Jesus Christ should stand in our stead and Bear that we might never bear His Father's righteous ire. But He has done so. "It is finished" Jo.19:30. God will spare the sinner because He did not spare His Son. God can pass by your transgressions because He laid those transgressions upon His only begotten Son nearly 2,000 years ago. If you believe in Jesus (that is the point), then your sins were carried away by Him who was the scapegoat for His people. What is it to believe in Him? It is not merely to say, "He is God and the Savior," but to trust Him wholly and entirely and take Him for all your salvation from this time forth and forever as your Lord, your Master, your all. If you will have Jesus, He has you already. If you believe on Him, I tell you that you cannot go to hell, for that would make the sacrifice of Christ of none effect. It cannot be that a sacrifice would be accepted and yet the soul should die for whom that sacrifice has been received. If the believing soul could be condemned, then why a sacrifice? If Jesus died in my stead, why should I die also?

Every believer can claim that the sacrifice was actually made for him. By faith he has laid his hands on it and made it his own, and therefore he may rest assured that he can never perish. The Lord would not receive this offering on our behalf and then condemn us to die. The Lord cannot read our pardon written in the blood of His own Son and then smite us. That would be impossible. Oh that you may have grace given you at once to look away to Jesus and to begin at the beginning, with Jesus who is the fountainhead of mercy to guilty man! "He justifieth the ungodly." "It is God that justifieth," therefore, and for that reason only it can be done; and He does it through the atoning sacrifice of His divine Son. Therefore it can be justly done so justly done that none will ever question it so thoroughly done that in the last tremendous day, when heaven and earth shall pass away, there shall be none that shall deny the validity of the justification. "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth" Ro.8:34, 33. Now will you come into this lifeboat just as you are? Here is safety from the wreck! Accept the sure deliverance. "I have nothing with me," you say. You are not asked to bring anything with you. Men who escape for their lives will leave even their clothes behind. Leap for it, just as you are. I will tell you something about myself to encourage you. My sole hope for heaven lies in the full atonement made upon Calvary's cross for the ungodly. On that I firmly rely. I have not the shadow of a hope anywhere else. You are in the same condition as I am, for neither of us has anything of our own worth as a ground of trust. Let us join hands and stand together at the foot of the cross and trust our souls once for all to Him who shed His blood for the guilty. We will be saved by one and the same Savior. If you perish trusting Him, I must perish too. What can I do more to prove my own confidence in the Gospel which I set before you?



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

January 28th
<i>Morning</i> Cortney McDonald, Rayah Pogue, and Terri Pogue
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bunny Finch and Wendy Winn
<i>Wednesday - January 31st</i> Dacia Long and Bridgette Kimbrell

Today's Sound Operator - Cody Wallace



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DSFC

A big thanks goes out to everyone who made the 2024 DSFC a big success. It is a blessing to have so many of our members show biblical hospitality each year in hosting this conference. We look forward to next year's conference which will be held January 30th-February 1st. To God be the glory!

2024 BUDGET

The proposed 2024 budget has been made available. Please take time over the next few weeks to review and prepare any questions you may have. We will vote on the budget during our end of year business meeting next Sunday, February 4th. Please see any of the deacons if you would like a printed copy.

2023 YEAR END BUSINESS MEETING

Next week, immediately following our fellowship meal, we will conduct our year end business meeting for 2023, where we will be voting on the 2024 budget. Please make plans to attend. If you have any questions please see any of the deacons.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in dire need of supplies. The needs for this month are pasta (any type), spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, and stewed tomatoes. This is a great benevolent ministry of our church and a way to show Christian love to our neighbors and fellow brothers and sisters. As you shop for groceries this week, please add a few of these items to your list to help support this ministry.

