



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 14th, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Keith Davis

Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Hal Pritchard

Hymn "Oh How I Love Jesus"

Hymn "He Lives"

The Reading of the Word — *Psalm 31:1-24* Hal Pritchard

Hymn "The Wonder of It All"

The Sermon — "*Golden Rule*" (*Matthew 7:12*) Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "Cleanse Me"

The Benediction Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Hymn "Have Faith in God"

Prayer

The Sermon — "*Testing and Quarreling with God*" (*Exodus 17:1-7*) Seth Lirette

Hymn "Cleanse Me"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

Matthew Henry

Our Lord presses upon us that righteousness towards men which is an essential branch of true religion, and that religion towards God which is an essential branch of universal righteousness. We must make righteousness our rule, and be ruled by it. Therefore, lay this down for your principle, to do as you would be done by; therefore, that you may conform to the foregoing precepts, which are particular; that you may not judge and censure others, go by this rule in general; (you would not be censured, therefore do not censure), or that you may have the benefit of the foregoing promises. Fitly is the law of justice subjoined to the law of prayer, for unless we be honest in our conversation, God will not hear our prayers, Isa. 1:15-17. We cannot expect to receive good things from God, if we do not fair things, and that which is honest, and lovely, and of good report among men. We must not only be devout, but honest, else our devotion is but hypocrisy. 1st The rule of justice laid down; Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them. Christ came to teach us, not only what we are to know and believe, but what we are to do; what we are to do, not only toward God, but toward men; not only towards our fellow-disciples, those of our party and persuasion, but towards men in general, all with whom we have to do. The golden rule of equity is, to do to others as we would they should do to us. We must not do to others the evil they have done us, nor the evil which they would do to us, if it were in their power; nor may we do that which we think, if it were done to us, we could bear contentedly, but what we desire should be done to us. This is grounded upon that great commandment, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. As we must bear the same affection to our neighbor that we would have borne to ourselves, so we must do the same good offices. The meaning of this

rule lies in three things. (1.) We must do that to our neighbor which we ourselves acknowledge to be fit and reasonable: the appeal is made to our own judgment, and the discovery of our judgment is referred to that which is our own will and expectation, when it is our own case. (2.) We must put other people upon the level with ourselves, and reckon we are as much obliged to them, as they to us. We are as much bound to the duty of justice as they, and they as much entitled to the benefit of it as we. (3.) We must, in our dealings with men, suppose ourselves in the same particular case and circumstances with those we have to do with, and deal accordingly. If I were making such a one's bargain, laboring under such a one's infirmity and affliction, how should I desire and expect to be treated? And this is a just supposition, because we know not how soon their case may really be ours: at least we may fear, lest God by his judgments should do to us as we have done to others, if we have not done as we would be done by. 2nd A reason given to enforce this rule; This is the law and the prophets. It is the summary of that second great commandment, which is one of the two, on which hang all the law and the prophets, 22:40. We have not this in so many words, either in the law or the prophets, but it is the concurring language of the whole. All that is there said concerning our duty towards our neighbor (and that is no little) may be reduced to this rule. Christ has here adopted it into this law; so that both the Old Testament and the New agree in prescribing this to us, to do as we would be done by. By this rule the law of Christ is commended, but the lives of Christians are condemned by comparing them with it. *Aut hoc non evangelium, aut hi non evangelici.*—Either this is not the gospel, or these are not Christians.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

May 14th
<i>Morning</i> Rayah Pogue & Claire Shores
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Elise de Waal & Bunny Finch
<i>Wednesday - May 17th</i> Elise de Waal & Claire Shores

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS

There will be a VBS volunteers meeting May 21st at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our VBS this year will be *May 30th-June 2nd*. If you are interested in volunteering, see Bridgette Kimbrell.

