

Congregational Worship

The Lord's Day

June 3, 2018

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GOD HAS PUT A DESIRE TO WORSHIP HIM IN OUR HEARTS

*Oh come! Let us gather together and worship God in His majesty!
Let us offer ourselves to Him with one heart, one mind, one soul, and one
voice.*

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GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE TO RESPOND TO HIS GREATNESS

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
Call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
talk of all His wondrous works!
Glory in His holy name;
let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
Seek the LORD and His strength;
seek His face evermore!
You chosen ones, remember His marvelous works
which He has done, His wonders and the judgments of His mouth!
He is the LORD our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, all the earth;
proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.
For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
for the LORD made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before Him;
strength and gladness are in His place.
Give to the LORD, O nations of people,
give to the LORD glory and strength.
Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!
Tremble before Him, all the earth.
from 1 Chronicles 16*

WE OBEY GOD BY RESPONDING TO HIS GREATNESS IN SONG

*"They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord."
Psalm 138:5*

"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

Hymn #53

"The Lord's Prayer" (a cappella)

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day- our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For THINE is the kingdom!-
...and the power!-
...and the glory!--
...forever!-
Amen.

GOD GIVES US HIS GRACIOUS LAW AND HIS LAWFUL GRACE

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions,

dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:13-25

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW BY CONFESSING OUR SINS

• CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear Father, I live in a world of noise and anxiety, pressure and busyness, fears, dangers and stresses. I experience these on the outside and unnecessarily live with them in my heart, on the inside. I am toiling and moiling, troubled and distressed...but You are forever at complete peace and You offer Your peace to all who will trust You. Forgive me Father, for though You have commanded and enabled me to live in peace, I often don't. Sadly, I seem to learn the blessings of peace more from the forfeiture of it through my sin than by the experience of it through steady trust in You. I allow the pressures of this world, my own sinful pride and wrongful desires, my faithlessness and fearfulness, my bent for control and self-fulfillment to spin me into restless, fretful and anxious ways. This should not be. I belong to You and must learn to trust You – not in some things or even most things, but in all things. Through knowledge of Your Son and learning to walk in Your ways, You have offered to me the sort of peace, composure and quietness that can demonstrate that I am not my own, but am Yours completely. You alone can "lead me beside still waters" no matter what is going on around me. Forgive me for not trusting You. Forgive me for my unnecessary fearfulness. Forgive me for looking to myself pridefully to solve the anxieties in me. And forgive me for giving in to the noise and stresses that steal away the fruit of peace that You have so graciously given. Help me to be quiet

in my soul, strong in Christ, and truly anxious for NOTHING.
Through Jesus Christ. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

(Please confess your remaining sins in the secrecy of your own hearts.)

WE RECOGNIZE GOD'S ABILITY TO MAKE ATONEMENT

*Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of Your name;
And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins,
for Your name's sake!
Psalm 79:9*

*Herein is love,
not that we loved God,
but that he loved us,
and sent his Son
to be the propitiation for our sins.
1 John 4:10*

• GOD'S PEOPLE CONFESS THEIR FAITH

– from Heidelberg Catechism Q – 32, 54

Pastor: *What is the basis on which I can genuinely be called a Christian?*

Christian: I am called a Christian because, by God's grace I am in union with Christ through faith, and thus am a partaker in the benefits and blessings earned by Him and applied to me by His Spirit. That being so, I confess the name of Jesus, and present myself as a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him: and also having a free and good conscience, I fight against sin and Satan in this life, afterwards which, I will reign with Him eternally.

Pastor: *On what basis do I have a place in the Church and in Heaven?*

Christian: The Son of God has chosen and redeemed a countless number of people to be His own precious possession. By His Spirit and Word He is actively gathering, converting, and preserving the whole company of the elect out of the entire human race, to give them

eternal life and unite them to Christ in true faith. And of this group of believers, of which Christ is Lord, I am, and forever will be, a living member.

WE SING OF OUR SAVIOR WHO HAS WASHED AWAY OUR GUILT

"When Peace, Like A River" Hymn #691

GOD HEARS THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE AS WE DRAW NEAR

*It is good for me to draw near to God;
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all His works.
Psalm 73:28*

GOD NOTICES OUR TITHES AS OUR ACT OF WORSHIP

*And **all** the **tithe** (the first tenth) of the land,
whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree,
is the LORD'S.
It is holy (especially set apart) to the LORD.
Leviticus 27:30*

WE GIVE ATTENTION TO GOD'S WORD READ AND PREACHED

*"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
Ezekiel 44:23*

Sermon Series: "The Person, Work and Fruit of the Holy Spirit"
Sermon #7 "The Fruit Of The Spirit Is Peace" Pastor Mike Chastain

WE TAKE A MOMENT TO SPEAK TO GOD ABOUT OUR LIVES AND SOULS

THE LORD CALLS HIS CHILDREN TO EAT AT HIS TABLE

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We Contemplate His Work On Our Behalf
"Man Of Sorrows" Hymn #246
- The Words of Institution
- Invitation to the Meal
- The Fencing of the Table
- The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements

- The Serving of the Elements
- Rejoicing In God For His Great Work On Our Behalf
 - "The Doxology"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

GREET ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

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Today's sermon is the seventh in our series on THE PERSON, POWER, WORK AND FRUIT of the HOLY SPIRIT. You can hear the previous sermons by going to our website.

- **Bring your friends** to participate in the great privilege we have to lovingly introduce our neighbors to Christ, His Word and reverent worship.

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