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Please Join Us As We Pray For:

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Poole, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Clair and Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King, Tim Thomas and the Thomas family, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

The Pastors Message:

God's Sovereignty Part 4

Subject: Our Holiness is Thru Jesus Christ

Ephesians 1:4 – 14

It is an absolute fact that before the world or anything else was created, God in His Sovereignty elected a remnant of this world's population to be His children. People can foolishly deny it all they want, but it is without question and without debate. *"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world..."* V.4 These elected are not only Israelites, they are not only Jews, they are people from all walks of life on the earth. It is true that God elected Israel as a Nation, but God also has a elect people that includes Gentiles. *"And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?"* Romans 9:23 - 24 God's election was to both Jews and Gentiles, this is without question or debatable. People who deny the Sovereignty of God deny this because this proves the third point of T.U.L.I.P. which is "Limited Atonement". This means that the blood of Jesus Christ was only appointed to atone a limited amount of people which God elected before the world began or in eternity past. People use out-of-context scriptures in an attempt to deny both election and limited atonement. Let us examine one, *"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."* 1 John 2:2 Here as in other places the word "world" is used by the vast majority of people in an irresponsible way, like it also is in John 3:16, in neither places does God mean the entire population of the world. In both places it is referring to both Jews and Gentiles (*the word world includes also Gentiles which are every nation outside of Israel*) but not all of them. If God love everyone, He would have been forced to love Esau whom He hated, as well as any others that He did not love. If Jesus died for the sins of everyone in the world then no one would go to hell when they died because all their sins have been atoned for, saved people do not have un-atoned sins. *"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"* Ephesians 1:7

This brings us to the word "Holiness" which means - pure, or blameless – as we see the Holiness of God, as also we see in Christ, so are we holy as His children in Christ and the work He did on Calvary. While we are sinners on this earth, in heaven we will be pure and blameless because Jesus Christ cleansed us from all our sins. Not one single sin of God's elect escaped the anointing blood of Jesus Christ. Paul explained this

more in Colossians 1:22 *"In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:"* God does not see His elect as sinners, He sees them as holy and unblameable because Jesus Christ has cleansed them from all their sins. We also read in 1 Thessalonians 4:7 *"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."* And one more passage, Titus 2:13 - 14 *"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."* People pride themselves on their work, they even say that you cannot be saved unless you do good works, but that is not even possible. (1.) because God said many times that salvation does not include works, none. Eph 2:9, Rom 11:6 (2.) James says our works is because of our salvation he never said it was for our salvation or any part of it. James 2:17 *"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."* This is not saying works is a part of salvation, **but rather the evidence of salvation.** It is contradiction to read it as works being part of salvation, since God said salvation is not of works. As Christians our holiness is in Christ Jesus and thru His blood it is not because we lived holy because in this world we do not, we are sinners living in a sinful world, sinning till we die of Jesus Comes. Our only holiness is thru Christ Jesus death and the shed His blood to cleanse us from all our sins, otherwise we have un-atoned sins and will go to hell when we die. People in this world do not live sinless life's because it is impossible in this flesh. People without perfect and pure holiness in Christ are lost sinners. Thank God for His election in choosing us as children and Jesus Christ for His atoning blood to make us holy. *"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:"* 2 Timothy 1:9 - 10

A few feet of earth will suffice

By Charles H. Spurgeon

"I bear my witness that the worst days I have ever had have turned out to be my best days. And when God has seemed most cruel to me he has then been most kind. If there is anything in this world for which I would bless him more than for anything else it is for pain and affliction. I am sure that in these things the richest tenderest love has been manifested to me. Our Father's wagons rumble most heavily when they are bringing us the richest freight of the bullion of his grace. Love letters from heaven are often sent in black-edged envelopes. The cloud that is black with horror is big with mercy. Fear not the storm. It brings healing in its wings and when Jesus is with you in the vessel the tempest only hastens the ship to its desired haven."

Wise counsel for Preachers

The year was 1768. A twenty-eight year old preacher by the name of Augustus Toplady, who wrote many of our best hymns, including "Rock of Ages", spent the afternoon in London with Mr. Brewer — an older, veteran Gospel preacher, whom he greatly admired and from whom he learned much. This is what Mr. Brewer said to the young Toplady, as Toplady later recorded in his diary:

"I cannot conclude without reminding you, my young brother, of some things that may be of use to you in the course of your ministry:

1. Preach Christ crucified, and dwell chiefly on the blessings resulting from His righteousness, atonement, and intercession.
2. Avoid all needless controversies in the pulpit — except it be when your subject necessarily requires it; or when the truths of God are likely to suffer by your silence.
3. When you ascend the pulpit, leave your learning behind you. Endeavor to preach more to the hearts of your people — than to their heads.
4. Do not affect too much oratory. Seek rather to profit your hearers — than to be admired by them."

Church News.

Happy Birthday to Sister Gina Sullivan Sunday the 9th
Happy Birthday to Brother Timothy Fails Wednesday the 12th
Happy Birthday to Sister Dawana Reigel Saturday the 15th