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"A Church Seeking To Please God In Prayer, Song, Preaching, And Worship."

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 Reich, 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, Shirley King, Tim Thomas and the Thomas family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Christel and her daughter, Ruthie Craft, Bertito Craft, James Jackson and wife, 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 17

Subject – In whom ye also trusted!

Text - Ephesians 1:13 *"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,"*

This brings up to our "preservation" or the fifth point in TULIP which is the final part of salvation, securing of the believer. God has walked us through salvation step by step and the meaning of it all, we just must understand God's working in salvation. Salvation because is nothing like what you hear in today's pulpits, it is "of God". People do not want to believe the truth about salvation because of the "L" or Limited Atonement" which limits salvation to only the Elect. People hate to be excluded from anything and being excluded from salvation or the ability to be saved ought to scare them to death. Therefore, they have eliminated God from salvation and inserted man, but that does not change what God is doing in salvation. God warned us of this in Romans 1:25 *"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."* So, nothing they say, think, or do will change what God is doing. God is the creator of the universe, He is the controller of all things, He is the Potter and we are only the clay. We are either blessed by Him creating us to be a glorious vessel in Christ Jesus or condemned because He made some a vessel of destruction. Romans 9:21 *"Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"* No matter how many Preachers say it, no matter how many people believe it, the very thought that salvation is a choice on mankind's part is a lie. People can call me a liar and believe as they chose, but in hell's flames they will open their eyes when they die.

Look closely at verse 13, it is in Jesus Christ that we trusted AFTER we heard the word of Truth, which is the gospel of our salvation. We cannot hear the word of the Gospel unless the Holy Spirit quickens our spirit, and after He does, we will believe without fail. Romans 8:14 *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* It is God the Father that sends the Holy Spirit into our hearts whereby we cry "Abba Father". Galatians 4:6 - 7 *"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son*

into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” Look at the names God gave the Holy Spirit in the scriptures, the "Spirit of truth" (John 16:13), the "Spirit of adoption" (Rom. 8:15), the "Spirit of grace" (Heb. 10:29). Here He is the "Spirit of promise" or the sealer of God's promises. He delivers us to salvation that is in Christ Jesus because it is impossible for a lost sinner, who is DEAD in their sins, and at enmity with God to deliver themselves against their nature.

Therefore, God said *"ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise."* Look closely at the word "sealed" it means – (to stamp with a signet or private mark for security or preservation). This stamp or sealing of us is the "Preservation and Perseverance" of the Saints. This sealing or stamping is like unto the 144,000 Jews sealed by God in the Tribulation period and no one can harm the as long as God protects them. Revelation 7:3 *"Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."* This sealing of the Holy Spirit is the sealing of God's promise made in election and the promise made to Jesus Christ before the world began. This seal upon us means that we will not fail, we will not fall, we are sealed with God's promise to His Beloved Son that He will lose nothing. Romans 8:37 – 39 *"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* While the Holy Spirit has many titles and many duties, His most valuable duty is to seal us and preserve us until we are with Jesus in eternity.

The best evidence of Christianity!

By Frederick Marsh

Jesus is the chief among ten thousand — the altogether lovely One!

Christ is the Chiefest — or better than the best.
His love is unknowable! Ephesians 3:19
His riches are unsearchable! Ephesians 3:18
His joy is unspeakable! 1 Peter 1:8
His ways are untrackable! Romans 11:33
His grace is inexhaustible! 2 Corinthians 9:8
His peace is unfathomable! Philippians 4:7
And He Himself is unsurpassable! Exodus 15:11

His character was beautiful with holiness in every detail. Hebrews 7:26
His love was pure and faithful in all its affection. John 13:1
His service was true and beneficent in all its workings. Acts 10:38
His words were tender and true in all their utterances. John 7:45
His life was consistent in every department. Mark 7:37
His aim was single and concentrated in glorifying God. John 17:4
His mission was to benefit all who would trust Him, in dying a death which they deserved. 2 Corinthians 8:9

Christ is Christianity — and the best evidence of Christianity is Christ!
"Yes, He is altogether lovely! This is my Beloved, and this is my Friend!" Song of Songs 5:16

Church News:

1. Please continue to pray for Sister Donn Johnson she will have surgery tomorrow 5 – 18 – 20 and sometime next week she will have a new dialysis port inserted.
2. Also keep Brother Frank & Sister Dawana Reigel in your prayers because they work in a prison where Covid 19 is present.
3. Also, a special prayer for all our workers who must work around people who are affected by Covid 19

