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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, 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, Wendell Henderson, 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, Pastor G. L. Burr, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas and grandson Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

The Pastor's Corner:

Oh, How Blessed I am!

"Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." Romans 4:8

A sinner that has been born again will never realize the blessing until they realize how they were born again. Please give a little thought to the words "born again" as we find it in John 3:3 *"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* People make a lot of these words but if properly defined they have a very deep and gracious meaning. Why did Jesus use these two words, why didn't He just say "saved", or maybe "redeemed", because of the exact Greek wording here. The word "born" means – to be generated – which means – to cause to arise or come about – and the word "again" means - from above – so the two word together in the Greek means – to be generated from above or born of God. If you do a word study on the Greek word "gennaō" or "born" as we see it in John 3:3 you will find it is used innumerable time when talking about someone begetting someone else like *"Abraham begat Isaac..."* Matthew 1:2 meaning Isaac was born because of his father. It is like The Father begetting Jesus by putting His seed in Mary. God the Father begat all that are saved. You (if saved) were born from above or from God the Father, therefore He is "our Father", while we were not born of His seed as Jesus was, He caused us to be born anew by His power. This is why John wrote these words, *"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."* John 1:13 because flesh had no part in our second birth, it is of God in its entirety. Secondly, God elected to send His beloved Son in the likeness of sinful flesh in order to provide God the ability to forgive our sins. God forgives our sins, because Jesus Christ (as our scapegoat) died for them. They were not just forgiven, or not just pardoned, this was possible because Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His blood. Jesus being the foreordained slain Lamb of God was born for the sole purpose to redeem us. **His death was our death penalty, and His blood was our sin cleaning solution.** To God, **sin must be paid for** and Jesus Christ was sent from God to do that, *"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted...But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."* Isaiah 53:4 – 5 Of God, because it was God that elected Him to suffer for

our “death penalty” due to our sin, and to shed His blood to cover our sins. This is all summed-up by Paul in Ephesians 2:8-9 “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*”

I elected to take this route to better explain why the Lord God will not impute our sins toward us. That is “take an inventory” of our sins as our debt, God never said our sins did not have to be accounted for, He said **we would not have to account for them**. This is why God elected this route, it is because we can never atone for our own sins, **it is impossible**. This is why all unredeemed souls will be punished in the fires of eternal hell, Jesus did not redeem them from their sins. This is the blessing that Paul wrote about in our text, Peter wrote it this way, “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*” 1 Peter 2:24 Sin is often spoken of as a disease, and redemption from it as a blessing to us who are redeemed. The blessing is Jesus suffered your hell penalty on the cross in His death, and washed your sins in His blood, all a blessing from The Sovereign God Who loved you before the world ever began. Yes indeed, we are blessed if our Heavenly Father does not impute our sins to us. Let’s conclude with this from Paul’s writing’s, “*That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*” Romans 5:21 Are you blessed?

A task far, far beyond the poor resources of fallen human nature!

By Arthur Pink

O my reader, be not deceived on this vital matter:

to mortify the lusts of the flesh,
to be crucified unto the world,
to overcome the Devil,
to die daily unto sin,
to live unto righteousness,
to be . . .
meek and lowly in heart,
trustful and obedient,
pious and patient,
faithful and uncompromising,
loving and gentle;

in a word, to be a Christian, to be Christlike — is **a task far, far beyond the poor resources of fallen human nature!**

The demands of Christ are . . .

too humbling to our natural pride,
too searching for the callous conscience,
too exacting for our fleshly desires.

A miracle of grace has to be wrought within us before this awful depravity of our nature, this dreadful state of affairs, is changed!

"Apart from Me you can do nothing!" John 15:5

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" Philippians 4:13

Church Notice:

Our Bible Conference is only 05 days away, September 20 and 21 Friday night from 6:00 – 8:00 and Saturday from 9:00am – 4:00pm We will have 7 speakers if the Lord will’s. 2 on Friday and 5 on Saturday. Ya’ll come and enjoy our Conference.