

January 17, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m Catechism Reading service
2:30 p.m. Rev. Witvoet
Classes after the morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service (Galatians series)
2:30 p.m. Catechism Reading service
Classes after the morning service.

Bible Study Groups meet this week Wednesday at 7:00 p.m, continuing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of each month at Living Bread.
-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd School Fund 2nd Emeritus Fund

We Remember in Prayer:

-Mr. & Mrs. Zomer who hope to move to Rochester to start his treatments tomorrow
-Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

“Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.” Psalm 73:17

O, my unconverted and hardened fellow-traveler to eternity, may you learn to consider what is needful to obtain eternal peace. The time is getting short. We are fast approaching the end. The coming of the Lord is at hand. The world is getting worn out with age. Everything points to the end. We are living in a doomed world. The signs of the coming of the Lord are all around us. We might say: it is five minutes before twelve o'clock! And as far as our lives are concerned, maybe it is even two minutes or one minute before twelve o'clock. Therefore make haste for your life's sake. Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near! Seek a place of shelter and rest in the caves of the rock – in the righteousness of Christ. In His wounds there are manifold comforts for a soul that mourns his sins and yearns for God. *“Kiss the Son,*

lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little.” (Psalm 2:12)

While it is yet the last hour, an unconverted person can still be converted to God. It is still being told us that God has no desire in the death of the wicked but that he be converted and live.

And people of God, while you are begging, you are on your way to receive the inheritance that God has prepared for you from before the foundation of the world.

~Rev. W. C. Lamain

Remember now

Oh, sinner below!

We surely must know:

To our long home we go.

God's Word tells us: Lo!

It's well or it's woe –

– and eternally so.

IS YOUR FAITH GENUINE?

“The difference between those who possess temporal faith and the upright in faith.”

Those who possess temporal faith desire the benefits, but have no desire to a close life with God. We can liken them to some young men, which say, “That maiden possesses nothing in her person that I desire, but I will try to win her because of her great riches. It is her riches that I long for, as to her person there is nothing appealing.”

The same method is followed by these: The person of Jesus Christ is not desired, but He has a heaven, and an eternal bliss. This is the motive of my seeking, and to show Him my affection. How great an attempt to virtue they may seem to have, they lack however, the least of pure love to God and love to Immanuel; it is a love to self, and a serving of self.

It differs greatly with the upright in faith. The Person of Christ is their great desire. The suitability of Him for them gives them a yearning, and causes them never to find rest until they possess Him. I fear for many who will try themselves. My friend, how few there are who would seek Jesus were there no hell or heaven? To love Christ because of His Person and to embrace Him is indeed an exception, nevertheless every true vessel of mercy, how small in grace, can confess that they have some personal experience of this.

~Alexander Comrie

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*Exalt the LORD our God, and
worship at his holy hill; for the
LORD our God is holy.
Psalm 99:9*

All who would like to stand for the 3rd song are welcome to.

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