

May 5, 2019

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Reading services 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Next Week: Reading services 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

-All the Lord Willing-

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

We Remember in Prayer:

-Mrs. Elizabeth Spaans who hopes to commemorate her 82nd birthday on May 9.

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those who are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

Since men are never found naturally willing to submit in faith to the humbling terms of the gospel of Christ, how can the Christian message be good news? (Rom 3:11; John 6:64,65; 2 Thessalonians 3:2) Because God gives to us freely, what he demands from us. In the gospel God reveals the same righteousness and faith for us that God demands from us. What we had to have, but could not create or achieve or fulfill, God grants us freely, namely, the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21). He reveals, as a gift in Christ Jesus, the faith and righteousness that was once only a demand. Faith is not something that the sinner contributes towards the price of His salvation. Jesus has already paid that price in full for us. Faith is our first gasp of breath in our new birth, so to speak. It is a witness of God's work of grace already haven taken place within us (Eph 2:5, 8; 2 Tim 2:25; 1 John 5:1; John 6:63, 65).

[Let every open ear attend,
And broken heart rejoice;
The trumpet of the gospel sounds
With an inviting voice.]

Ho! all ye hungry, starving souls,
That feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
To fill an empty mind;

Eternal Wisdom has prepared
A soul-reviving feast;
And bids your longing appetites
The rich provision taste.

Ho! ye that pant for living streams,
And pine away and die;
Here you may quench your raging thirst,
With springs that never dry.

Rivers of love and mercy here
In a rich ocean join;
Salvation in abundance flows,
Like floods of milk and wine.

[Ye perishing and naked poor,
Who work with mighty pain
To weave a garment of your own
That will not hide your sin;

Come naked, and adorn your souls
In robes prepared by God,
Wrought by the labours of his Son,
And dyed in his own blood.]

Dear God! the treasures of thy love
Are everlasting mines;
Deep as our helpless miseries are,
And boundless as our sins!

The happy gates of gospel grace
Stand open night and day;
Lord, we are come to seek supplies,
And drive our wants away.

~Isaac Watts

Notes

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*But these are written, that ye might
believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God; and that believing ye might have life
through his name.*

John 20:31

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