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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S LOVE"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "CONSIDER JESUS"

GOSPEL MEETING AT TIDWELL CHAPEL SEP 13-16

GOSPEL MEETING AT PARRISH SEP 13-16

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SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

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THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S LOVE (John 3:16)

I. God's love is _____.

- A. John 3:16 uses the adverb of _____, so, before the word loved.
- B. Notice _____ 3:18-19 which describes the abundance of God's love.
 - 1. It is wide in that it is for all men _____.
 - 2. It is long in that it stretches from _____ to _____.
 - 3. It is deep in that it reaches down to us in our lowest _____.
 - 4. It is high in that it lifts those who _____ it to great heights.

II. God's love is _____.

- A. The sacrificial nature of the love of God is seen in the word translated "_____".
- B. _____ understood the sacrificial nature of the love of God (Galatians 2:20).
- C. He came for the purpose of _____ the wrath of God.
 - 1. In Isaiah 53:11, it is said that God would see the labor of His Servant and be _____.
 - 2. This is speaking of the _____ and wrath of God being satisfied.
- D. God is so loving that He had His wrath appeased by the _____ of His own Son.
- E. _____ Jesus did was for us.
- F. His sacrifice was a _____ demonstration of love (1 John 3:16).

III. God's love is beneficial.

- A. Because of God's great show of love in Christ, all those who believe in Jesus don't have to die _____, but can have everlasting life.
- B. Our sins bring about _____ from God and earn us death (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23).
- C. However, because of God's _____ love, we don't have to be eternally separated from Him.
- D. What can be more _____ to us that have eternal life with God?
- E. Believing in Jesus carries the idea of having faith in Who Jesus is and that faith motivating us to _____ Him (Hebrews 5:9).
- F. This verse, John 3:16, is not a _____ verse when it comes to how one is to be saved.
 - 1. It is an explanation of the _____ of our salvation.
 - 2. It is a _____ to lead us to obedience to the One who died for us.

Why Should I Be Interested in the Church?

Clay Bond

Long ago Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field"(Mt. 13:44). This is one great reason to be interested in the church, it is Christ's kingdom and finding it is like finding hidden treasure!

Spiritual blessings are those wonderful treasures found only in Christ. When we think of "spiritual blessings", naturally, words like forgiveness and cleansing come to mind, but does the word "church" come to mind? Many would say "NO." Yet the Scriptures teach us that Christ and His church are one. When the church is persecuted, Christ is persecuted (Ac. 8:1, 9:1). Eph. 1:3 says "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Spiritual blessings are "in Christ," Christ is one with His church; therefore, all spiritual blessings are in Christ's church! Whatever spiritual blessings are, we can be assured that not one of them is found outside of Christ and His church.

One great treasure of Christ's kingdom is the spiritual blessing of reconciliation. Our own sin has separated us from God (Is. 59:1-2; Ep. 4:18), we have made ourselves His enemies (Is. 57:21) and in choosing to sin we make ourselves the children of God's wrath (Eph. 2:3). We are estranged and need to reconcile with our Father.

In spite of the fact that we have caused this estrangement, it is God who has implemented a plan of reconciliation. Truly, He is a God of love (1 Jn. 4:8)! This amazing plan included the death of His Son (Ro. 5:10) by which the body of reconciliation was established (Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:20). In this "one body" Jew and Gentile are brought together and reconciled to God. This "one body" is spoken of again in Eph. 4:4 and identified in Col. 1:18 as "the body, the church" of which Christ is the head. Why should I be interested in the church? It is the place of reconciliation with God, where enmity is slain by the cross of Christ.

Another of these great spiritual treasures is salvation. Jesus Christ is described as "the Saviour of all men" (1 Ti. 4:10) and "the Saviour of the world" (1 Jn. 4:14). The question is "how?" How is Christ the Savior of the world? While many attempt to answer this question with complex theological arguments, the simple truth of God's word is so plain, "Christ...is the saviour of the body" (Eph. 5:23), "...the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Ac. 2:47). Saved people make up what is collectively known as the church of Christ. The church is His body, the people He has saved, a people He has separated out for His name (Ac. 15:14).

Why should I be interested in Christ's church? Paul said in Eph. 1:22-23 that God "put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." The church is the fullness of Christ; it is where we access spiritual blessings like reconciliation and salvation. Have you been reconciled to God in the body of Christ; have you received His offer of salvation? Reconciliation and salvation are only found in Christ and His church. If you need to be reconciled to God, place your faith in Christ (Ro. 10:17), confess that He is the Son of God (Acts 8:37), repent of your past sinful life (Lu. 13:5; Ac. 2:38), be immersed into Christ (Gal. 3:27) so that you can begin to find the wonderful spiritual blessings He has in store for you. "Be ye reconciled to God" (2 Co. 5:20).