

## "When The Holy Spirit Preaches The Gospel"

We often know the theory of the gospel, before we know the experience of the gospel. We often receive the doctrines of grace into our judgment, before we receive the grace of the doctrines into our soul. We therefore need to be . . . brought down, humbled, tried, stripped of every prop; that the gospel may be to us . . . more than a sound, more than a name, more than a theory, more than a doctrine, more than a system, more than a creed; that it may be . . . soul enjoyment, soul lessing, and soul salvation.

When the Holy Spirit preaches the gospel to the poor in spirit, the humbled,stripped, and tried--it is a gospel of glad tidings indeed to the sinner's broken heart.

**J.C.Philpot**

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### "Defending The Truth" by Robert Haldane

In these days of boasted liberality, it may appear critical and contentious to oppose with zeal the errors of men who have acquired a name in the Christian world. The mantle of charity, it will be said, ought to be thrown over mistakes that have resulted from a free and impartial investigation of truth, and if not wholly overlooked, they should be noticed only with a slight expression of disapproval. Such, however, was not the conduct of the Apostle Paul.

He spared neither churches nor individuals, when the doctrines they maintained tended to the subversion of the Gospel; and the zeal with which he resisted their errors was not inferior to that with which he encountered the open enemies of Christianity. He affirms that the doctrine introduced into the Galatian churches was "*another gospel*," and twice pronounced a curse against all by whom it was preached.

Instead of complimenting the authors of this corruption of the Gospel as only abusing in a slight degree the liberty of free examination, he decides that they should be cut off as troublers of the churches. Let not believers be more courteous in expressing their views of the guilt and danger of corrupting the Gospel, than faithful and compassionate to the people of Christ who may be injured by false doctrine. It is highly sinful to exchange compliments at the expense of truth.

The awful responsibility of being accessory to the promotion of error is strongly expressed by the Apostle John also. "*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed; for he that biddeth him God-speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*"

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**Call To Worship**

How will the pow'rs of darkness boast  
If but one praying soul be lost!  
But I have trusted in thy grace,  
And shall again behold thy face.

Whate'er my fears or foes suggest,  
Thou art my hope, my joy, my rest;  
My heart shall feel thy love, and raise  
My cheerful voice to songs of praise.

Thy anger but a moment stays:  
Thy love is life and length of days:  
Tho' grief and tears the night employ,  
Thou, Morning-Star, restor'st my joy.

(TUNE: Doxology)

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**Remember In Prayer This Week:**

Robert Sanders; Tyler Wheeler; Judy Ward; Cathy Cobb;  
Cindy Brantly; Emily Dubose; Devonne Lewis; Dusty Adams;  
Emily Gay; Lydia Headrick; Phylis Payne

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**Happy Birthday This Week:**

Rachel Sasser - Jan.24

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**Important Date To Remember**

Immediately after services today we will have a fellowship meal together as a church. During this special time of fellowship, we will be having a gift card shower for Zack and Kate Dyess. They were married on December 30th. Congratulations to you both from the members of Grace Baptist.

**Next Sunday**, we will have regular services at our regular times. We will be taking the Lord's Table during worship service, seeing this is a **FIVE SUNDAY MONTH**.

From **Robert Hawker's** "Poor Man's Morning And Evening Portion"

"And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves, groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit the redemption of our body." Rom.8:23.

It is blessed to receive from the Holy Ghost such gracious interpretations of his own most holy word as bear a correspondence with what we feel in a life of grace. We know that our adorable Jesus is the Saviour of the body as well as the soul; but we know also that these vile bodies of ours are not regenerated, as the souls of his redeemed are. In this tabernacle, therefore, we groan, being burdened. "I know," saith Paul, "that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing." And I too often know, to my sorrow, the same. Pause, my soul, this evening, over this solemn scripture, and look up to the great author of it, to unfold its sacred truth to thy comfort. I hope I can humbly adopt the language, and say, that I "have the first fruits of the Spirit." I know what it is to enjoy the first dawns and readings of grace. I know what it is to have been once afar off, living without God and Christ in the world, an enemy to God by wicked works. And I know what it is to have been brought nigh by the blood of Christ Jesus, by his Holy Spirit, hath come nigh to me, and brought my soul nigh to God. I know also what it is at times to have sweet seasons of communion. I am as sensible of the reviving, comforting, strengthening, refreshing graces of the Spirit, as the earth is of the falling showers, or the sweet return of light. I know no less what it is to have an enlargement of soul, in the, going forth of the exercises of faith and grace upon the person and work of the Lord Jesus. When the Redeemer is pleased to call forth into lively actings upon himself the graces he hath planted, I can then find a blessed season in contemplating his glories, his beauties, his fulness, his suitableness, and all-sufficiency. I then sit down as the church of old did, "under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit is sweet to my taste." The Lord hath then "brought me into his banqueting house," and my whole soul, under his banner of love, is delighted in fatness. But amidst these "first fruits of the Spirit," these blessed earnest and pledges of the glory that shall be revealed, I know no less also what it is to groan within myself, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of my poor polluted, sinful body. I find this partner of my heart, this earthly half of myself, at times the greatest opposer of my better dispositions. "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit;" the soul is straitened, shut up, so as to say nothing, and do nothing, when appearing before the Lord. I dare not neglect prayer; I dare not absent myself from going to court! The king will know and mark my neglect. But if I go, I am cold, dead, lifeless: I hear as though I heard not; I pray as though I prayed not. Can I do otherwise than groan? Can I help at times being deeply affected, although I have the first fruits of the Spirit?" Lord Jesus, undertake for me, and let all the sanctified blessings, intended by thy love and wisdom to be derived from these painful exercises of the soul, be accomplished. Let this thorn in the flesh make me humble: root out the very existence of spiritual pride; reconcile my whole heart to the humiliation of the grave; and, above all, endear thee, thou precious Immanuel, the Lord our righteousness, more and more to my affections, since it, is thou, and thou alone, that canst be our peace here and our salvation for ever!