



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 16th, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "Hallelujah Praise Jehovah"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "We Will Glorify"
- Hymn "Rise Up O Men of God"
- The Reading of the Word — *Romans 5:1-11* Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"
- The Sermon — *"Joyfully Justified" (Psalm 32)* Dirk de Waal
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King"
- Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Put Off the Old Man" (Colossians 3:5-11)* Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Those who know the grace of God's forgiveness can understand the pure joy evident in today's passage, which was written by David after he experienced pardon for his sin. As he pours out his soul in rejoicing over the Lord's grace, the king of Israel provides us with key instruction regarding the relationship of confession and repentance to forgiveness, and he provides us with a key text for the biblical doctrine of justification as well. David begins with an expression of the blessedness of forgiven people, indicating that with the Lord, forgiveness entails both a covering of sin and not counting it to our records (vv. 1–2). The term covered comes from a Hebrew word that refers to the covering of shame by love in the act of forgiveness. Thus, when the Lord pardons His people, He stops counting their sin against them, and He hides their shame so that they may rejoice in His presence. Verses 3–5 indicate that David's forgiveness came only after he confessed his sins to God. Thus we see the close connection between repentance and pardon. The Lord does not forgive those who merely acknowledge Him but only those who turn from their transgression, who forsake their sin and cling to Him and His merciful Lordship alone. All those who do this receive God's forgiveness, and the One from whom they hid before their confession becomes the One in whom they hide by faith and find shelter (vv. 6–11). In Romans 4, the apostle Paul cites Psalm 32:1–2 to illustrate justification by faith alone apart from works of the law. In so doing, he shows that the non-imputation of sin—the

act of not counting our transgressions against us—is the other side of the coin, as it were, when it comes to the imputation of Christ's righteousness. All who rest in Christ alone are declared righteous in the Lord's sight. His righteousness becomes our possession; our sin is taken from our accounts. Our Creator does this with no reference to our works. They are never taken into account for our justification; only the righteousness of our Savior is considered. John Calvin comments on Psalm 32:1–2 that the forgiveness "David celebrates utterly destroys the righteousness of works." We do not have the blessing of divine pardon if we try to establish our righteousness before God based on what we have done, even what we have done by grace. Calvin writes, "let this therefore remain an established doctrine, that as we are only accounted righteous before God by the free remission of sins, this is the gate of eternal salvation; and, accordingly, that they only are blessed who rely upon God's mercy."

Coram Deo: God's free pardon in our justification is a great blessing indeed, but it is only one part of what happens. We are also declared righteous in Christ and admitted to the full rights and privileges afforded to Him for His faithfulness. It is a good thing to be forgiven of sin, but our faith is enriched when we realize that God has not only taken our sin from us but has given us the righteousness of Christ. That is our secure anchor in the storm.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

October 16 th
<i>Morning</i> Laurie Price & Claire Shores
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Ashley Lirette & Dumi Thakkar
<i>Wednesday - October 19th</i> Mary Margaret Pritchard

Today's Sound Operator - Cody Wallace



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year's shoebox packing will be November 6th after the afternoon service. Shoeboxes and information pamphlets about how to pack a box can be found in the church office. See Mrs. Lawanda for more information.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The New Members class will start October 16th. This class is for those who are interested in membership or want to learn more about Grace Baptist. It will meet for six weeks and be held during the Sunday school hour (9:30 am). If interested, see Hal Pritchard for more info.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will meet this Thursday, October 20th at 11 am. Bring a bag lunch for fellowship afterwards.

MITCHELL FARMS

There will be a churchwide outing to Mitchell Farms, Friday, October 28th from 12 pm to 4 pm. The price is \$12/person, (2 yr and under are free). If you are interested in going, sign up through GroupMe or see Bridgette.

