



ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 8th, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	Chris Kimbrell
Trinity Hymnal No. 18	"Thee, We Adore Eternal Lord"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymn No. 454	"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Trinity Hymn No. 262	"God in the Gospel of His Son"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Psalm 69:1-18</i>	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 192	"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — "Remember Me" (<i>Mark 15:32c & Luke 23:39-43</i>)	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 280	"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
Baptist Hymnal No. 379	"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"
Baptist Hymnal No. 323	"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — "A Biblical Theology of Exile" (<i>1 Peter 1:1-3</i>)	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 277	"Take My Life and Let it Be"
The Benediction	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Can you repent at the moment of death and still have the same salvation as someone who's been a Christian for many years? That's a tricky question, but I think it's a fascinating one and certainly one that many people are concerned about. We talk about foxhole faith, when people cry out in desperate moments of crisis or postpone to their deathbed the moment of committing their lives to Christ. Some people say that it doesn't make sense for somebody who has been a Christian all their life to be in the same state as somebody who did as they pleased all their life and waited until the last second to get their accounts square with God. There's a parable in the New Testament in which Jesus speaks about those who agree to work for a certain wage, and then at the last minute some other people are hired and only work for a few minutes but they get the same pay. The first group is really bent out of shape, and they say, "What's going on here? There's no justice in this!" Does the second group receive the same salvation? Yes and no. They are brought into a state of salvation; that is, they escape the punishment of hell and enter into the kingdom if indeed that last-breath repentance is genuine. The requirement for entrance into the kingdom of God is to repent and believe in Christ. The thief on the cross did it in the last minutes

of his life, and Jesus assured him that he would be with him in paradise. There we have Exhibit A in the New Testament of somebody who actually did that and who was promised by our Lord himself that he would participate in Jesus' kingdom. Certainly it's possible for a person at the last moment of their life to repent sufficiently, believe, and be justified and enter into all of the benefits of membership of the kingdom of heaven. However, Paul speaks of those who make it into the kingdom by the skin of their teeth. I think a "deathbed" believer would be in that category. We tend to think that all that matters is getting there because there is an unbridgeable chasm between getting into heaven or missing it altogether. Yet Jesus tells us to work and to store up treasures for ourselves in heaven because he promises emphatically that there will be rewards dispensed to his people according to their obedience and their works. You don't get into heaven by your works, but your reward in heaven will be according to those works, according to the New Testament. What that says to me is that although people can make it by the skin of their teeth by repenting in their last dying breath, nevertheless, their degree of felicity will not be nearly as great as that of those who have been serving Christ faithfully for many, many years.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our Annual Harvest Supper will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Please see the sign up list and sign up for items to bring. The meat will be furnished by the church. Please put this event on your calendar and join us for this special time of thanksgiving.

Last Sunday it was announced that there will be a special called business meeting on November 15th. We will continue to discuss the possible sale of .4 acres at our north entrance to Dr. Qu, who owns the land next to the church. Also we will be voting on those projects that need to be done immediately at the church. A survey will be sent out to help us know and prioritize the remaining projects that the church believes we need to do. This business meeting will be held at 9am before Sunday School.

Bible Buddies and Bible Drill will be this afternoon at 4:45 pm and Children's Choir will meet at 5:30pm.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are due November 15th. If you need a box please see Lawanda Winn.

