



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 22th, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "A Mighty Fortress"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "Before the Throne of God Above
- Hymn "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"
- The Reading of the Word — *Psalm 119:33-48* Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"True Righteousness" (Matthew 5:20)* Pastor Winn
- Hymn "Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"
- Hymn "Standing on the Promises"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"The Temple River" (Ezekiel 47:1-12)* Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "O How He Loves You and Me"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

When we consider what it means to please God, it is clear that our Creator prizes righteousness. Jesus, for example, calls us to seek first “the kingdom of God and his righteousness” (Matt. 6:33). As citizens of the kingdom, we must value righteousness above all else. Our Savior also issues a stark warning to us in Matthew 5:20, telling us that we will never enter the kingdom of heaven unless our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees. This passage has perplexed many people, and there are a couple of different things Jesus could be talking about here. He could be referring to what we may call a “legal righteousness.” This is the righteousness that allows us to be declared righteous in God’s sight according to the perfect standard of God’s justice. This is a righteousness that has met all of God’s demands in the law. This is the righteousness that is imputed to us in our justification (2 Cor. 5:21). When we believe in Christ, His perfect obedience is put on our record, and God declares us righteous in His heavenly courtroom. We do not contribute anything to this righteousness. But Jesus may be talking about what we can call a “practical righteousness.” This kind of righteousness is the general conformity to God’s law that we work out in our sanctification. We can be called righteous in the sense that we seek to love God, obey Him, and repent when we fall short. This

kind of righteousness is not enough to get us into heaven, but it is the evidence of saving faith in the One who has merited heaven for us—Christ Jesus (James 2:14–26). In the first century, the Pharisees were known as righteous men, individuals who went above and beyond in their zeal to obey the law. They tithed not only the fruit of their fields but the smallest herbs that they grew in their homes (Matt. 23:23). They traveled all over in order to make converts to Judaism (v. 15). From all outward appearances, they seemed righteous. The problem was that most of the Pharisees never got beyond the externals. They cared little for the weightier matters of the law (v. 23). They were content with outward acts of piety but paid little attention to the state of their hearts (vv. 25–26). Righteousness greater than that of the Pharisees, therefore, is not one that ignores externals. It is one that also cares about the disposition of the heart.

Coram Deo: It is important to obey God externally, to do in our actions what He tells us to do. However, God is fully pleased with our obedience only if we are motivated by love for God and neighbor. We must seek to have our inner dispositions as well as our external actions conform to the law of God. Then we can know that we are pleasing Him as we grow in the grace of Christ.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

May 22nd
<i>Morning</i> Jessica Mullins & Wendy Winn
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Mary Hunter Sharp & Bethany Wallace
<i>Wednesday - May 25th</i> Mary Margaret Pritchard (<i>Amanda Spansel</i>)

Today's Sound Operator - Seth Lirette



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will break for the summer and resume in August.

VBS

VBS this year will be May 31st - June 3rd. A volunteer sheet has been posted! Please sign up as soon as possible. See Bridgette if you would like to help with the planning process. You will begin to notice "donation sheep" by the choir room. Please grab those and drop donations off in specified locations.

VBS WORKDAY

We will have a workday this Saturday, May 28th from 8 am-12 pm, in preparation for VBS along with a few other items of general maintenance and upkeep. Please make a note on your calendar to join us. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 am.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The New Member's Class will begin June 5th. It is for anyone interested in knowing what is required to be a member at GBC. We encourage our visitors to attend, so that you might have your questions about membership answered. The class will be led by Hal Pritchard and will meet on Sunday morning at 9:30 in the church office.

SINGING SCHOOL

Grace Primitive Church is offering a Singing School June 7-10. It is a free event, with meals included, for kids and adults. See Kathy Irving for more information.

