



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 27th, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Cody Wallace

Hymn "We Praise Thee, O God"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Jason Price

Hymn "Come Thou Fount"

Hymn "The Lily of the Valley"

The Reading of the Word — *Genesis 3:1-24* Dirk de Waal

Hymn "It is Well with My Soul"

The Sermon — "*The Gospel*" (*Romans 1:16-17*) Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

The Benediction Dirk de Waal

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn "Like a River Glorious"

Prayer

The Sermon Seth Lirette

Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

This is God's gospel. This gospel is declared, possessed and owned by God. Whatever else we do with this gospel we must never, ever, ever mess with it because it is His gospel. He owns it, we respond to it, but we must never mess with it. The apostolic anathema fills our church in this age because we messages that are claimed to be the gospel that has nothing to do with the gospel.

God will not hold us blameless if we seek to improve on his gospel. There is only one gospel, and it is God's gospel and it is our duty to believe it and to proclaim it in a pure and unvarnished fidelity to it. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek," (Romans 1:16, ESV).

The Gospel announces the coming of the Kingdom of God which requires repentance. Both John the Baptist's and Jesus' announcement about the Kingdom of God was prefaced with an imperative – repent. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Message that ties the Old and New Testaments together. There is an urgency. The Kingdom of God is about transcend time and space and you are not ready for it. The necessary condition to respond to this gospel is repentance. Resolve to change must be accompanied on a heart-felt sorrow. He is calling us

to contrition. Godly repentance begins in the soul and the heart with an awakening to the severity of the way in which we have offended a holy God. We start with repenting over how our souls have fled from reverence and adoration of God. The Gospel of the Kingdom in the epistles morphs to the Gospel of the King – the Good News.

The good news that focuses on the person and work of Jesus Christ. The gospel isn't your personal testimony (this is pre-evangelism). To say that God loves all people unconditionally isn't the Gospel. To say that God has a wonderful plan for your life isn't the Gospel. The Gospel is about Jesus – His person – who He is. His work – what He has done.

This Gospel is to be believed by faith through grace.

The Gospel includes how we are justified.

"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith," (Romans 1:17, ESV).

"How do you improve on this gospel? It is the Gospel of God. He composed it and He commanded it for us and our people and our children forever. It is His gospel, empowered by His Spirit, that transforms our lives that must be received in repentance and in faith."



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

August 27th
<i>Morning</i> Ashley Lirette & Jessica Mullins
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - August 30th</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Dacia Long

Today's Sound Operator - John Ingram



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

Mark your calendars for Sunday School promotion day. Our new children's classes and choir schedule for Sunday and Wednesday's will begin Sunday, September 3rd.

