



GRACE

KERNERSVILLE

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We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

Lent

March 29, 2020

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

“Nothing But The Blood”

OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 13

The Heidelberg Catechism is a teaching tool written by two pastors: Zacharias Ursinus and Caspar Olevianus in 1563 and is designed to explain the core of Christian faith over the course of a year. The catechism is divided into three sections: our estate of sin and misery, how one is set free from sin and misery, and how one thanks God for that deliverance. In this section, the Catechism directs us to the content of our faith as professed in the Apostle's Creed.

Q33. Why is he called God's "only Son" when we also are God's children?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace through Christ.

John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Heb. 1; John 1:12; Rom. 8:14-17; Eph. 1:5-6

Q34. Why do you call him "our Lord"?

A. Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

1 Pet. 1:18-19; Col. 1:13-14; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Tim. 2:5-6

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 138:6-8

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.
The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

GLORIFYING GOD

“Before the Throne”

“Jesus Strong and Kind”

CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalms 31:21-23

Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.
In my alarm I said, “I am cut off from your sight!”

Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help. Love the LORD, all his saints!
The LORD preserves the faithful.

LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS TO THE LORD

“My Jesus as Thou Wilt”

RENEWAL

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-14

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

SERMON

Sowing Words: Prayer Parables

Pastor Randy Edwards

RESPONSE

RESPONDING IN SONG

“Jesus, Cast a Look”

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

“Only a God Like You”

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.
And that is what we are!