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“DELIVERED AND PRESERVED BY GRACE”

PSALM 116



Today, our scripture text invites us into a deeply personal song of love, rescue, and grateful devotion. It is the testimony of one who has cried out to the Lord from the depths of distress and has been graciously heard. What begins in anguish transforms into assurance, and what is rooted in desperation blossoms into enduring praise.

In this sermon, “Delivered and Preserved by Grace,” we are drawn to consider the steadfast mercy of God toward His people. The psalmist’s experience becomes a window into the work of sovereign grace, where the Lord not only delivers from danger but also sustains and preserves through every trial. His love is not earned but lavished upon His elect by the Lord’s own hand.

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As we walk through this psalm, we are reminded that the same God who heard the psalmist still inclines His ear to His people today. He is gracious, righteous, and merciful. He brings rest to the weary soul, steadiness to faltering steps, and hope that reaches beyond the shadow of death.

May this message lead us to renewed confidence in the Lord’s saving power, deeper gratitude for His abundant grace, and a sincere desire to walk before Him all our days.

**ART IN THE ANNEX FAMILY NIGHT
7 PM TUESDAY MAY 26TH**

EVANGELISM



GARY SHEPARD

The Greek dictionary defines the word “evangelist” as “one who preaches the gospel.” Without the gospel that gives all the glory to God in salvation, one is not an evangelist, and it is not evangelism. It is the same as Pharisee evangelism, and Christ said of it, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.” (Matthew 23:15)

To evangelize is to preach the gospel which is to “eulogize” or speak glad tidings, good news concerning God and His grace in Christ. Good news to sinners is that Christ has finished the work, brought in everlasting righteousness, carried out the Father’s purpose of grace, by Himself purged our sins, obtained eternal redemption for us, suffered the just for the unjust to bring us to God and freely justified us through His redemptive death.

TO EVANGELIZE IS NOT TO GET DECISIONS FROM MEN. IT IS NOT JUST TO GET THEM TO “BELIEVE.” IT IS NOT TO GET THEM TO REFORM. IT IS TO DECLARE TO THEM THE TESTIMONY OF GOD IN CHRIST!

To evangelize is not to get decisions from men. It is not just to get them to “believe.” It is not to get them to reform. It is to declare to them the testimony of God in Christ! His sheep will hear His voice in this gospel and follow Christ! Paul’s instructions to Timothy and us are clear – “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist...” (2nd Timothy 4:2-5)

Let our gospel be our boast and trust God to give the increase.

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The Church at Worship
Sunday April 19, 2025
11:30 AM



Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastoral Prayer.....Keith Boothe

#Hymn 392 “Amazing Grace”

Psalm ReadingGreg Flannery

#Hymn 439 “Lord, I Need You”

Sermon Jason Boothe

Hymn 272 “Pass Me Not”

Closing Prayer Keith Boothe

WE PREACH NOT OURSELVES BUT CHRIST

BILL PARKER

“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

2 Corinthians 4:5

There are many, many ways in which false preachers preach themselves and avoid preaching Christ and the Gospel of salvation conditioned on Him alone.

When does a man preach himself instead of preaching Christ?

(1) When he preaches salvation, any part of it, conditioned on the sinner in any way to any degree instead of salvation conditioned totally upon Christ.

(2) When he preaches justification before God based upon any other ground but the blood and the righteousness of Christ imputed, and when he makes no efforts to exclude any contribution from the sinner’s best efforts as to the ground of salvation.

(3) When he removes the offense of the Gospel by refusing to say that any who are ignorant of or not submitted to Christ’s righteousness imputed are unbelievers and their deeds are evil. When he speaks peace where there is no peace to gain the praise and admiration of men.

(4) When he refuses to preach repentance clearly and let sinners know that everything before justifying faith, no matter how moral or religious, is dead works, fruit unto death, and acts of open idolatry as they are the fruit of self-righteousness.

(5) When he seeks to motivate his hearers to obedience, worship, love, good works, and godliness based on something other than the absolute certainty of salvation conditioned on Christ alone, the assurance of true faith. When he seeks to motivate them with legal fears of punishment and legal doubts as to the certainty of their final glory.

(6) When he begins to consider more what men will say and do if he preaches the clear Gospel and its doctrines rather than the glory of God and the pre-eminence of Christ in these matters of salvation. When he is more concerned about the reactions of sinner than with the glory of God.

(7) When he seeks to build a following for himself and establishes relationships built on personality rather than in the Gospel of Christ. When he will compromise the Gospel and hold back the truth in order to open up opportunities to preach.

(8) When he defends his own religious experience, and the experiences of other, whether it is consistent with God’s Gospel or not, and refuses to judge all things by God’s word.

(9) When he seeks to intimidate people to get them to agree with him and follow him based on anything other than “thus saith LORD,” the clear testimony of God’s word alone.

These are just a few of the ways men preach themselves rather than Christ. But there is only one way to preach Christ. We preach Christ when we preach ALL OF SALVATION conditioned on Him alone. We preach Christ when we tell our hearers that it is what HE ALONE DID FOR SINNERS, HIS DOING AND HIS DYING, that makes the only difference between saved and lost, heaven and hell.

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THE GOD WHO HEARS AND HELPS

PSALM 116

Have you ever been really scared or sad and didn't know what to do?

Maybe you got hurt, or had a bad dream, or felt all alone. In those moments, it helps to call out to someone who loves you. Psalm 116 teaches us that we can always call out to the Lord, because He hears us and cares for us.

The psalm begins like this: "I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy." The writer is saying, "I love God because He listened to me when I cried out for help." Isn't that wonderful? God is not too busy. He is not far away. He listens when His people pray.

The psalmist was in big trouble. He says it felt like death was all around him. He was afraid and hurting. But he did the right thing. He prayed. He called on the Lord and said, "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

And do you know what happened? God answered him.

The Bible says, "Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful." That means God is kind, good, and full of compassion. He loves to help His people. When the psalmist was brought low, God saved him.

Because God helped him, the psalmist could say, "Return, O my soul, to your rest." In other words, "I can be at peace again because God has taken care of me."

God didn't just help a little. He helped in a big way. The psalmist says God delivered his soul from death, his eyes from tears, and his feet from stumbling. That means God rescued him, comforted him, and kept him from falling.

This reminds us of something even greater. God sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so that everyone who trusts in Him can be forgiven and have eternal life. Because of Jesus, we know God hears us and saves us. So how should we respond?

The psalmist tells us. He says, "What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?" That means, "What can I give back to God for all He has done?"

His answer is simple. He will thank the Lord. He will call on His name. He will tell others about Him. We can do the same. We can pray. We can thank God. We can trust Him when we are afraid. And we can tell others how good He is.

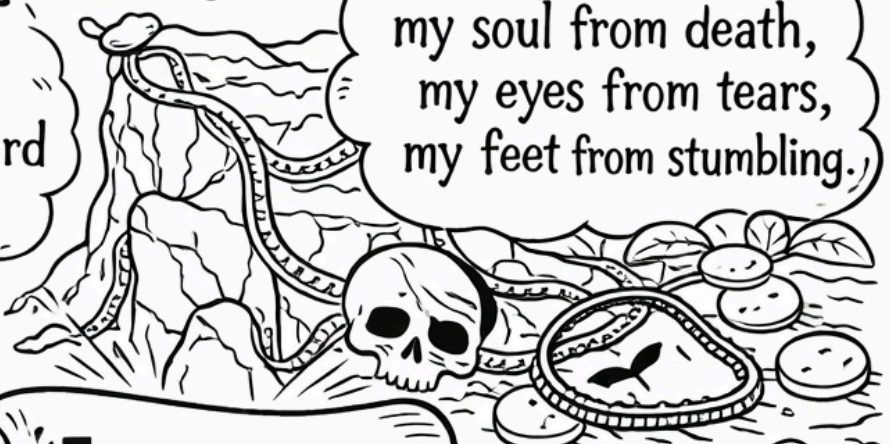
Let's remember this truth: God hears you when you pray. He cares about you. And through Jesus, He has given you the greatest gift of all.

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‘He delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.’



‘I will call on the name of the LORD!’



The LORD is Gracious & Merciful

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.



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