

May 16, 2010

*The choicest believers, who are assuredly freed from the condemning power of sin, ought yet to make it their business all their days to mortify the indwelling power of sin. 'To mortify' is a metaphorical expression taken from the putting of any living thing to death. To kill any living thing, is to take away the principle of its strength, vigour, and power, so that it cannot put forth any proper actions of its own. Indwelling sin is compared to a living person called 'the old man', with his faculties, properties, wisdom, craft, subtlety, and strength. This, says the apostle, must be killed, put to death, mortified by the Spirit. It is meritoriously and utterly mortified and slain by the cross of Christ, so the 'old self' is said to be 'crucified with Christ' (Rom. 6:6). This is done initially in regeneration (Rom. 6:3-5), when a principle contrary to sin, and destructive of it, is planted in our hearts (Gal. 5:17). Then the whole work is carried on by degrees toward perfection all our days. Thus it is our constant duty as believers to mortify the sin remaining in our mortal bodies, that it may not have life and power to bring forth the deeds of the flesh. The promise for this duty is life: 'You will live.' Perhaps the word may not only intend eternal life, but also the spiritual life which is already enjoyed by believers, as to the joy, comfort, and vigour of it, as the apostle said in another place: 'Now we live, if you are standing fast' (I Thess. 3:8). The vigour, and power, and comfort of our spiritual life depend much on the mortification of the deeds of the flesh. As sin is never quiet even when it seems to be quiet, and its waters are for the most part deep when they are still, our fight against it should be vigorous at all times even where there is the least suspicion of danger.*

– John Owen



### ***Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God***

*However, having said that, modesty is not first an issue of clothing. It is primarily an issue of the heart. And if the heart is right with God, it will govern itself in purity coupled with humility and will express itself modestly. Calvin observes, "Yet we must always begin with the dispositions; for where debauchery reigns within, there will be no chastity; and where ambition reigns within, there will be no modesty in the outward dress." He concludes, "Undoubtedly the dress of a virtuous and godly woman must differ from that of a strumpet...if piety must be testified by works, this profession ought also to be visible in chaste and becoming dress." Again, this applies not only to corporate worship, but to daily living. Though it is true that one may dress modestly from a sinful and prideful motive, one cannot dress lavishly and sensually from a good one. Thus, the purity and humility of a regenerate heart internally must ultimately express itself by modest clothing externally.*

– Jeff Pollard

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*Please enter reverently and silence all communication devices.  
Parents with crying children may use the conference room.*

**Preparation for Worship**

*“For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from Him comes my salvation.  
He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.”  
Psalm 62:1-2 (ESV)*

**Prelude to Worship**.....*Amelia Kelly  
Glen Harper*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Worship in Music** ..... *Children’s Choir  
Forever We Shall Sing  
John R. Paradowski*

**Invocation**

*“Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, ‘O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules.’”  
Daniel 9:3-5 (ESV)*

**\*Call to Worship**.....*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (page 1)*

**\*Scripture Reading**..... *Deuteronomy 8:1-20*

**Confession of Sin and Pastoral Prayer**

**Adoration**

*“And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.’”  
Revelation 7:11-12 (ESV)*

**Hymn**..... *Love divine, All Loves Excelling (page 92)  
\*How Deep The Father’s Love (page insert)*

**\*Scripture Reading**..... *Romans 13:8-14*

**Worship in Tithes and Offerings**.....*Amelia Kelly  
Glen Harper*

**Exposition**

*“He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”  
Acts 28:30-31 (ESV)*

**Pastor Jess Smith**..... *Romans 13:8-14*

**Consecration**

*“What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.”  
Psalm 116:12-14 (ESV)*

**\*Hymn of Commitment ... All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (page 97)**

**Benediction**

*“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”  
Jude 24-25 (ESV)*

**Postlude**.....*Amelia Kelly  
Glen Harper*

**\*Congregation please stand**