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Paul writes to weak saints, strong saints, rich saints and to poor saints, because every saint has something that is lovely in them. The least grace deserves respect from the greatest apostle. All have one head, one hope of glory, and all are redeemed with the same precious blood (I Peter 1:19). All believers are called 'saints'. Are they really so? Are all who are in the visible church saints? All should be, but some are not inwardly so. Scripture speaks of the church as a field where there is a mixture of good and bad seed (Matthew 13:19-20). True believers have new life and have been called out of darkness into marvelous light (I Peter 2:9). A saint is a new creature and shows it by his life, or else he is not a true saint. A mere moral man is smooth in his outward behavior with men but negligent in his service to God. He looks to his outward deportment but makes no conscience of secret sins. He is not holy in all his conduct (I Peter 1:15). A hypocrite makes no conscience of his thoughts, affections, desires, and lusts. He is not concerned about small oaths, or about rotten speech. What belongs to the new creation he does not care about. A true saint is altered in the inward frame of his soul. There is planted a spring of better thoughts, desires and aims than in other men. He labors more for the inward frame of heart than for his outward carriage. What he is ashamed to do, he is also ashamed to think. Whatever he desires, he desires to do it with love in his heart. He labors that all good may be truly found in the inward man. A hypocrite never cares for this. His care is for the outward parts only. If his outward behavior is acceptable to others, he has his desire. He lives to the view, to the appearance only.

– Richard Sibbes



Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God

Godly sorrow is ingenuous. It is sorrow for the offence rather than for the punishment. God's law has been infringed, his love abused. This melts the soul in tears. A man may be sorry, yet not repent, as a thief is sorry when he is taken, not because he stole, but because he has to pay the penalty. Hypocrites grieve only for the bitter consequence of sin. I have read of a fountain that only sends forth streams on the evening before a famine. Likewise their eyes never pour out tears except when God's judgments are approaching. Pharaoh was more troubled for the frogs and river of blood than for his sin. Godly sorrow, however, is chiefly for the trespass against God, so that even if there were no conscience to smite, no devil to accuse no hell to punish, yet the soul would still be grieved because of the prejudice done to God. 'My sin is ever before me' (Ps. 51:3); David does not say, the sword threatened is ever before me, but 'my sin'. O that I should offend so good a God, that I should grieve my Comforter! This breaks my heart!

– Thomas Watson

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

Preparation for Worship

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

*“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.”
Psalm 90:1-2 (ESV)*

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

Chiming of the Hour

Worship in Music

Invocation

*“Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
as when fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!”
Isaiah 64:1-2(ESV)*

***Call to Worship.....Stand Up and Bless the Lord (page 21)**

***Scripture Reading.....Proverbs 16:1-9**

The Lord’s Supper

Adoration

*“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!”
Psalm 117 (ESV)*

**Hymn.....Immortal, Invisible (page 25)
*Wonderful Grace of Jesus (page 198)**

***Scripture Reading.....Romans 14:1-12**

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

Exposition

*“Then Philip opened his mouth,
and beginning with this Scripture
he told him the good news about Jesus.”
Acts 8:35 (ESV)*

Pastor Jess Smith.....Romans 14:1-12

Consecration

*“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if
one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has
forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which
binds everything together in perfect harmony.”
Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV)*

***Hymn of Commitment.....Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
(page 334)**

Benediction

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”
Romans 15:13(ESV)*

Offering for the Poor

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

***Congregation please stand**