

Grace Notes

November 2022

Assurance of Salvation

Horatius Bonar

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Editor's Note: This essay is a portion of Chapter 9 of Horatius Bonar's "The Everlasting Righteousness", originally published in 1874.

"Christ for us," the obedient in the place of the disobedient, is the first part of our message. His assumption of the legal claims, which otherwise would have been made good against us, is the security for our deliverance. That deliverance becomes an actual thing to us immediately upon our consenting to allow him to undertake our case.

"Christ in us" is the second part of our Gospel. This second is of mighty moment, and yet is not to be confounded with the first. That which is done for us is not the same as that which is done in us. By the former we are constituted righteous, by the latter we are made holy. The one is properly the Gospel, in the belief of which we are saved; the other, the carrying out of that Gospel in the soul. Christ "for us" is our justification. "Christ in us, and we in Christ," is our holiness. The former is the external substitution; the latter, the internal energy or operation, taking its rise from the former, yet not to be confounded with it, or substituted for it. Christ the substitute, giving his life for ours upon the cross, is specially the object of faith. The message concerning this sacrificial work is the Gospel, the belief which brings pardon to the guilty. God has given us this Gospel not merely for the purpose of securing to us life hereafter, but of making us sure of this life even now. It is a true and sure Gospel; so that he who believes it is made sure of being saved. If it could not make us sure, it would make us miserable; for to be told of such a salvation and such a glory, yet kept in doubt as to whether they are to be ours or not, must render us truly wretched.

What a poor Gospel it must be, which leaves the man who believes it still in doubt as to whether he is a child of God, an unpardoned or a pardoned sinner! Till we have found forgiveness, we cannot be happy; we cannot serve God gladly or lovingly; but must be in sore bondage and gloom. This is the view of the matter which Scripture sets before us; telling us that salvation is a free, a sure, and a present gift. "He that believes **IS** justified" (Acts 13:39).

"He that believes **HAS everlasting life**" (John 3:36). The Bible gives no quarter to unbelief or doubting. It does not call it humility. It does not teach us to think better of ourselves for doubting. It does not countenance uncertainty or darkness.



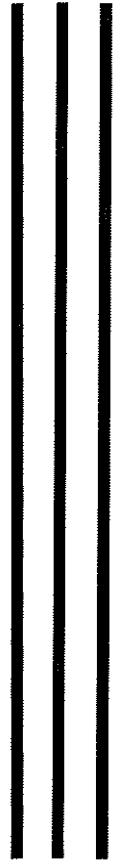
Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: Hebrews 1-4
- Monday: Hebrews 5-7
- Tuesday: Hebrews 8-10
- Wednesday: Hebrews 11-13
- Thursday: Philemon; 1 Peter 1-2
- Friday: 1 Peter 3-5
- Saturday: Psalms 133-135

PROVERBIAL ANIMALS

Many expressions in our language use animals as metaphors. Consider, for example, "Wise as an owl," or "To take the bull by the horns." Below are more of these expressions. Unscramble the words to find the animals in the proverbs.

PAE	_____	1. To go _____ over something.
EBRAEV	_____	2. An eager _____.
RDIB	_____	3. To sing like a _____.
GOD	_____	4. To be in the _____ house.
FOWL	_____	5. To be a _____ in sheep's clothing.
RUYTEK	_____	6. To talk _____.
RUILQSER	_____	7. To _____ away your money.
SMUPOS	_____	8. To play _____ (pretend to be dead).
LEMU	_____	9. Stubborn as a _____.
NOLI	_____	10. _____-hearted.



Answers to Proverbial Animals:
 1. ape, 2. beaver, 3. bird, 4. dog,
 5. wolf, 6. turkey, 7. squirrel,
 8. possum, 9. mule, 10. lion.
Solution to Riddle:
 A hole.



The Lord's Supper



Grace PCA will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion during the morning worship service, Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Everyone should spend time during the week preparing your hearts and minds to partake in this sacrament.

Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

"First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

(I Timothy 2: 1-2)



Please pray for the following physical concerns and spiritual needs of each, individual.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."
Jeremiah 29: 12

Pennies for Missions

Just a reminder that the WIC is still collecting pennies for our missionaries! If you have any spare change that you've been looking to get rid of, feel free to drop it in the container in the Foyer or in the Sunday School Rooms.

The money will be used to help the missionaries that Grace Presbyterian Church supports.



Bible Study

DATE: EVERY WEDNESDAY

TIME: 10:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

Don & Dana Andries will be teaching from the book

"Survey of The New Testament"

By

Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.

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WIC Circle Meeting...

The Circle at Grace will be studying the book of James written by Mary Beth McGreevy. We are looking forward to seeing how this book of the Bible relates to each of us in our life today.

Please consider joining this group of ladies in our study, and the ministry we have at Grace. We have prayer, study, and fellowship every month.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Grace. We even love to invite friends to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Allison.

**ChristianInquiry**

A Blog About Topics and Views of Interest to Christians

www.christianinquiry.com

This is a new blog from Gaylan McLin containing topics of interest, especially to Christians, and for sharing his views about those topics. Gaylan hopes that this blog will edify the readers and give glory to God.

Calendar of Activities for the Month

WIC Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 10:00 am
Men of the Covenant: Monday, November 3, 5:00 p.m.
WIC Circle Meeting: Monday, November 8, 5:00 p.m.
Session Meeting: Monday, November 14, 5:00 p.m.
Prayer for our Nation: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

The next **Session Meeting** will be
 Monday,
November 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Jesse Arnold, Kit Bonvillian, Randy Borill, Cleve Chandler, Dana Andries, Don Andries prior to the meeting if you have items to bring to their attention.

Men of the Covenant

Thursday, November 3

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant (first Thursday of each month, except for June through August).

We enjoy a nice meal around 7:00 p.m., but many of the men arrive around 6:30 to enjoy some good fellowship. Following the meal we will hear a devotion from the Word of God.

Men, please sign up in the foyer if you are planning to attend.

*“As iron sharpens iron,
 so one person sharpens another.”*
 Proverbs 27: 17

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday November 6. Please don't forget to set your clocks **back** an hour Saturday evening!



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"Oh give thanks
to the LORD for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!"
Psalm 118:1



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 am WIC Council	2 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study	3 6:30 Men of the Covenant	4	5
6 Communion Daylight Savings Time Ends 	7	8 10:00 WIC Circle	9 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study	10	11 Veteran's Day	12
13	14 5:00 Session	15	16 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Please note: No prayer meetings today	24  OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27	28	29	30 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study			

Birthdays in November	
Charlie Wimberly	9
Cleve Chandler	15
Darrell Fletcher	15
Bradlee George	19
Norma Carr	20
Mauri George	22
Mary Jean Bagot	29

Enter his gates with
thanksgiving, and his
courts with praise!
Give thanks to him;
bless his name!"
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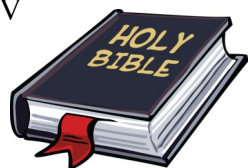


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Prayer for Spiritual Strength

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3: 14-21 ESV



**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD**
HIS LOVE endures FOREVER!!!