WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

23 May 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #497 "He Leadeth Me"

OT Scripture Proverbs 3

Hymn #494 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

NT Scripture 2 Peter 3

Hymn #467 "Hark, My Soul! It Is the Lord"

Message: "Crucified with Christ, and So Much More"

(Gal 2:17-21)

Hymn #483 "Let Us Love"

Benediction

This Evening:

Wed Evening: Reviewing "The Coming Kingdom"

(Isaiah 13-27)

Next Lord's Day: "It Is No Longer I Who Live"

(Romans 6:3-5)

A note for parents of small children: Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

Our Positional Union with Christ as a Ground for Assurance

The Lord Jesus taught us that the Father has "given" Him certain people who will most certainly come to Him by faith, and He will save them, preserve them, and raise them to eternal life (John 6:37-39). Those whom the Father gave to Christ are His sheep for whom He died, and both He and the Father hold them safely through all temptations, for the Father and the Son are one (John 10:14-15, 27-30). Though the exalted Lord Jesus rules over all mankind, He gives eternal life only to those given to Him by the Father, and He intercedes for them alone so that they will join Him in His glory (John 17:2-3, 6, 9, 24). — Pastor Joel Beeke

Reformed Systematic Theology

"Whatsoever is in us that are members, it is in our Head first, for God is first, then Christ Mediator, and then we. Whatsoever Christ hath, or is, or hath done or suffered, it is mine by reason of this union with Him by faith, which is the grace of union that knits us to Christ."

— Richard Sibbes (d. 1635)

Crucified with Christ (Gal 2:20; Rom 6:6)
Buried with Christ (Rom 6:4; Col 2:12)
Raised with Christ (Eph 2:6; Col 2:12; 3:1)
Made alive with Christ (Eph 2:5; Col 2:13)
Sitting with Christ (Eph 2:6)
Reigning with Christ (2 Tim 2:12)

Heirs with Christ (Rom 8:17)
Glorified with Christ (Rom 8:17)

"True believers are not under the law as a covenant of works, to be justified or condemned by it. Yet it is very useful to them and to others as a rule of life that informs them to live in accordance to its precepts. It also exposes the sinful corruptions of their natures, hearts, and lives. As they examine themselves in light of the law, they come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred of sin, along with a clearer view of their need for Christ and the perfection of His obedience....if people do good and refrain from evil because the law encourages good and discourages evil, that does not indicate that they are under the law and not under grace."

2 LCF (1689) Ch. 19.6