

# First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | May 15, 2022 | 6 o'clock

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THE HYMN SING

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. TH59.....“Forever Settled in the Heavens”

\*THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

\*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH .....The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\*THE LAW OF GOD .....Galatians 5:16–21

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Heavenly Father, Who gathers Your children to Yourself, we confess that we have not walked in love, as You have loved us by giving Your Son. Instead, we find ourselves walking down the paths that You have told us not to walk; and we find ourselves drawn to the very things from which we were saved.*

*We acknowledge that our hearts have entertained lust, uncleanness, and all manner of covetousness. Our lips have uttered that which is filthy, foolish and coarse, and we have not lived before You with hearts of thanksgiving.*

*In Your great mercy, forgive us for the thoughts of our hearts and the actions of our lives that where we have sinned against Your word, and renew a right spirit within us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.*

## THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON .....1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

\*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 9 .....“Wholehearted Thanksgiving” (pp. 6-7)

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 7:7-12

THE SERMON .....“Slain by Sin”

### I. Introduction

- A. What erroneous assumption is the Apostle correcting here?
  
- B. How does understanding the purpose of the Apostle help us avoid asking questions the Apostle is not seeking to answer here?

### II. Main Argument

#### A. Know Sin (v. 7)

1. What of the Law: Why might someone - based on what has already been said - assume the Law is itself sinful?
  
2. Recognition

- a. Is Paul saying those who do not know God's written Law have no knowledge of sin whatsoever?
  - b. In what sense does the Law reveal sin? How do we see this reality confirmed in society today?
3. Example: Which commandment confronted Paul with his own sin?
- a. In what sense was he free from the Law?
  - b. What is coveting?

## **B. Life and Death (vv. 8-10)**

1. Base of Operations (v. 8a)
  - a. What imagery does the Apostle use to describe sin's operation?
  - b. How does sin distort the Law to its own end?
2. Activation of Sin (v. 8b): How is it sin cannot exist without the Law?
3. Alive? (v. 9a.): How was Paul *alive* and *apart from the Law*?
4. Dead (v. 9b): How did Paul die? Is this the same sort of death as in chapter 6?
5. Tragedy (v. 10)
  - a. In what sense does the Law indeed possess the power to give life?
  - b. Application: *The Law of God is Intended for Life.*

### C. Slain by Sin

1. Base of Operations: By what was the Apostle slain?
  
2. Tactics of Sin: How does the interaction between Eve and the Serpent Genesis 3 illustrate Paul's point here?
  - a. Distort, Dismiss, Doubt:
  
  - b. Application: *Know the Tactics of the Enemy.*

### D. Goodness of the Law (v. 12)

1. The Law is Holy:
  
2. The Commandment
  - a. What does Paul mean by the commandment is *just*?
  
  - b. In what sense is the commandment *good*?

### III. Conclusion: How do the Law and the Table highlight the goodness of God?

\*THE PSALM OF APPROACH NO. 421.....“Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*\*please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together\**

*gluten free bread is available in the cups | white grape juice is available for those who cannot consume any alcohol*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117 .....“Praise Jehovah All Ye Nations (p. 8)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE RESPONSE NO. 733.....“The Doxology”

1. Whole - heart - ed thanks - giv - ing to thee will I bring,  
 2. Thou, Lord, art a ref - uge for all the op - pressed;  
 3. Give praise to Je - ho - vah, the might - y deeds tell  
 4. Be - hold my af - flic - tion, thy mer - cy ac - cord,

in praise of thy mar - vel - ous deeds I will sing;  
 all trust thee who know thee, and trust - ing are blest;  
 of him who has chos - en in Zi - on to dwell,  
 and back from death's por - tals re - store me, O Lord,

in thee I will joy and ex - ult - ing - ly cry,  
 for nev - er, O Lord, did thy mer - cy for - sake  
 of him to whom jus - tice and ven - geance be - long,  
 that I in the gates of thy Zi - on may raise

thy name I will praise, O Je - ho - vah Most High.  
 the soul that has sought of thy grace to par - take.  
 who vis - its the low - ly and o - ver - throws wrong.  
 my song of sal - va - tion and show forth thy praise.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to Je - ho - vah, de - clare ye his fame,

and give him all hon - or, for just is his name.

<sup>1</sup>Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

<sup>2</sup>for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.

For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;

ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!