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WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class
 11:00 AM Morning Service
 Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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10: 15 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Kris D. Nursery Thursday: Denise C.

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Dead To The Law

“I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God” (Gal. 2:19); “I am become dead to the law by the body of Christ, that I should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that I should bring forth fruit unto God.” (Rom. 7:4). As a believer in Christ, the law is dead to me, and I am dead to it, for as such I am delivered from the law, that being dead wherein I was held, that I should serve in newness of Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter (Rom. 7:6). The apostle has so clearly and beautifully opened up this subject, that I feel I cannot do better than follow his line of argument in Rom. 7:1-4. He assumes that a believer in Christ is like a woman who is remarried after the death of her first husband; and he declares that “she is bound by the law to her husband as long as he liveth”; but that “if the husband be dead she is loosed from the law of her husband.” Of course the first husband is the law, and the second husband is Christ. Now, adopting this figure of the apostle’s, may we not justly ask, “Which is to be the rule of the wife’s conduct when remarried, the regulations of the first or of the second husband?” The first husband may have been extremely harsh and have ruled her as with a rod of iron, always keeping her in bondage and terror. Now, when he is dead, have not all his rules and regulations died with him? And is not his wife entirely liberated from his control? If he is dead to her, she is equally dead to him. All his authority, then, over her has ceased. And what should we think naturally of a wife who, instead of seeking to please her present husband, was always referring to the rules and regulations enforced upon her by her former partner, especially if her first husband was a cruel tyrant, and her second

husband a most affectionate and loving spouse? Is not the rule of love, as the rule of the second marriage, in every respect superior to the rule of command, which was the rule of the first? But apart from the distinct nature of the two rules, the believer being dead to the law, and the law being dead to him, the first marriage is wholly at an end. As, then, the wife is no adulteress, though she be married to another man, so the believer is not to be charged with transgression if, being dead to the law by the body of Christ, he casts aside its rule in consequence of his union with and his love to the Lord Jesus. For this second marriage is not like the first, unfruitful, but brings forth fruit unto God. I wish that you might read this portion of Rom. 7 in the light of the Spirit, and then you would see how thoroughly dead the believer is to the law, both as a covenant and a rule, by virtue of his union to him who is raised from the dead.

J.C. Philpot

O! what acclamations of joy will there be, when all the children of God shall meet together, without fear of being disturbed by the antichristian and Cainish brood!

John Bunyan

WHY DO BELIEVERS WORK?

Acts 20: 35; Ephesians 4: 28

Why do believers work each day at our jobs? What motivates a believing mother to go about her daily work? Before God called us, our reasons were many. Now, the child of God beholds what Christ has done for us. Believers work so we can support the church, our families and others in need of the gospel because we know it was by our Savior's work that he provided for us.

Poor, Weak, Needy Sinners

We came into this world sinners with no Bread from heaven, no Water of Life, no coat of righteousness, and unable to work to obtain life by the work of our own hands. (Ps 86: 1; 1 Tim 1: 15) We were a shameful thing, oppressing the poor and needy, attempting to rob the very glory of God? We were too proud to beg for mercy and too depraved to provide by the works of our hands.

Christ Worked for Us

Christ said, "I must work." (Jn 9: 4) His everlasting love for the Father was constraining love. For his Bride, Christ said, "I must work!"; for his children, Christ said, "I must work!" Christ said, "I must work the works of him that sent me." His Father sent him to fulfill his engagements as Surety, to glorify his Father, fulfill the law, make an end of sins, and bring in an everlasting righteousness. So Christ said, "I must be about my Father's business." !"

Time was of the essence to our Redeemer, "I must work the works of him that sent me the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." For the honor of his Father he would not rest till he could say, "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." (Jn 17:4) Out of love for of his bride and his needy children he would not sit down until he could cry from the cross, "It is finished!" Brethren, this is why we work. His church must be supported, our own bride must be fed and clothed, our children must have shelter, not only daily necessitates, but as sinners in need of the unsearchable riches of Christ! It is not only in our own homes but wherever our sphere of influence reaches. Time is of the essence. This is the day of grace. Night is coming.

Honorable Work

The position our Savior took for his work was very lowly. (Php 2: 5-7) He possessed the glory of God yet God the Son made himself of no reputation but took upon him the form of a servant, obedient unto the death of the cross (Heb 10: 7) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Has there ever been a position ever taken by a man as honest, as honorable, as highly esteemed by God as the work Christ performed? Never! Yet it was position of no reputation. It was a work despised and rejected of men. But that which men reject, God highly esteems. Do we have to have work that exalts us before men? The mother who gets her house all in order so she has time to teach her child the scriptures holds the most honorable position, though few may notice. That father working two low paying jobs which the world puts no importance own so he can put food on the table and talk to his children about the spiritual reasons why he does what he does, holds a place of honor before God. When brethren provide a house to worship in where we can spread this feast and call *the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind*:--*who can't recompense a dime* it is well-pleasing to God. (Lu 14:13) However this world may disregard us, the work that is done for his glory and the salvation of poor and needy sinners is honorable and highly esteemed by God. "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mt 20: 28) "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." (2 Co 8: 9) As much happiness as we get in receiving these riches from our Redeemer, the only thing that compares is giving them to another poor sinner. Is it possible to lose by giving for the furtherance of God's glory? Never! (2 Cor 9: 8)

Brethren, the sea is salt as a whole, and every drop of it is salt in its degree: if the whole work of salvation be of grace, every detail of that work is equally of grace.

Charles Spurgeon