

THE LORD’S DAY EVENING

March 4, 2018

Six O’clock

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus... (Romans 3:21-24)

Heavenly Father, as I marinate in this remarkable passage, once again I realize there’s simply no such thing as “moving on from the gospel”—no basis for ever saying “I’ve got the gospel, now what’s next?” For the gospel isn’t just about how we begin the Christian life, it’s how we live it, love it, and end it.

Indeed, the gospel isn’t the ABC’s of this life of grace; it’s the A to Z, the Alpha to the Omega, the prelude through the closing credits, the appetizer through the dessert...

All of the Scriptures—the Law, Prophets and Psalms all pointed towards the day you sent Jesus into the world, to do for us what we could never do for ourselves. We have a need only Jesus can meet, for we constantly fall short of the Law’s truth, beauty, and goodness. In Jesus, you have generously given us both the forgiveness we need and the righteousness we must have. We praise, bless, and worship you, Father.

By faith in Jesus, you now declare us to be exhaustively forgiven and fully justified. You cannot love us more, and you’ll never love us less. We can’t add to your love for us by our good works; and we can’t diminish your love, by our foolishness and failures. Father, if you hadn’t written this good news plainly in your Word, we wouldn’t believe it. It seems too good to be true.

How then shall we live this life of radical grace? Compelled by your love, Father, we want to live, love, and die to your glory. As those no longer condemned for our sins, we purpose to obey you from our hearts, serve you all our days; and honor you with everything we have, do, and say. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus’ exquisite and exalted name.

Call to Worship Psalm 45

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Invocation Dr. David Jussely

Hymn 2 O Worship the King

Responsive ReadingPsalm 19:7-11

MINISTER: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

PEOPLE: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

MINISTER: The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

PEOPLE: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

ALL: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Songbook 34Holy Spirit
(Children will be dismissed to 4 Corners on last verse.)

Scripture Reading..... Psalm 119:17-24

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Dr. David Jussely
“An Eye Opening Text”

Hymn 146.....Break Thou the Bread of Life

Benediction

Postlude



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