**Sunday, September 16, 2012**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship –** *Psalm 147:1, 3-5, 7*

 *How good it is to sing praises to our God!*

 ***He heals the brokenhearted,******binding up their wounds.***

 *He counts the stars, and calls them each by name.*

 ***How great is our God!***

 ***His power is absolute,******and his understanding, beyond comprehension.***

 *So come, sing out your thanksgiving to God.*

 *Offer to God that worship that belongs to Him alone!*

**Songs of Praise –** *Doxology/Come Thou Fount*

**God Our Savior Revealed -** *Titus 3:3-7*

 *Hear the word of the Lord:*

*Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.
But—“When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.*

***He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.”***

**Songs of Worship –** *Wonderful, Merciful Savior/All I Have Is Christ*

**Offering *(“Some wonder if it is unfair for God to allow so many to have no knowledge of the gospel. But there is no injustice in God. The injustice lies in Christians who possess the gospel and refuse to give their lives to making it known among those who haven’t heard. That is unfair.”* David Platt, from his book *Radical*)**

**Earthly or Heavenly Treasures – *Matthew 6:19-21*** *(A.W. Pink)*

 *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Almost all will say they hope for happiness from God in the next world, but what do they *now* make their chief good? What are they most taken up with, both in the pursuit and enjoyment? It is at this point each of us must examine and test himself. What things do my soul most favor and relish, the things of the world or of God? Which seasons of time do I regard as lost or as most gainful, which are my days of riches income? Of the Sabbath the wicked ask, “When will it be gone?” But the healthy saint declares, “A day in Thy courts is better than a thousand” – because of the spiritual gains it brings in. What is dearest to my heart, what engages my most serious thoughts? This determines which I prize the more highly: earthly or heavenly treasures.

**Song of Worship –** *Better Is One Day*

**In His Presence –** *Hebrews 9:24 (Steven Lawson)*

 *For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.*

 We will be forever amazed by the presence of God. Steven Lawson described the presence of God in this way:

“God’s glory will fill and permeate the entire new Heaven, not just one centralized place. Thus, wherever we go in Heaven, we will be in the immediate presence of the full glory of God. Wherever we go, we will enjoy the complete manifestation of God’s presence. Throughout all eternity, we will never be separated from direct, unhindered fellowship with God.”

*“There is no one holy like the LORD, Indeed, there is no one besides Thee, Nor is there any rock like our God* . 1 Samuel 2:2.

**Song of Worship**  - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Message** – *“Where Is Your Treasure”*
 *Scripture Reference: Matthew 6:19-24*

* Jesus is dealing with hearts, for it is man’s heart that is an enemy with God. The people Jesus was addressing was no different than today’s world, they were focused on material items.
* Prior to this text, God has dealt with three areas of practice that characterized these people as hypocrites. God now zeros in on the problem…the heart!

 **1. “The Afffection of Man”**

* Jesus is dealing with the affections of men & their hearts. *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth…but rather treasures in heaven.* (vs 19-2)

 **2. “The Conscience of Man”**

* The eyes are the “soul” of the body.

 **3. “The Will of Man”**

* You cannot serve God and money.

**Take-away’s**

 1. Jesus isn’t teaching that it is wrong to have “things.” The Ten Commandments teaches us not to steal or covet other things.

 2. Isn’t it amazing how God deals with each of us differently? God doesn’t have a “cookie cutter” method but uses a multitude of ways to call us and keep us on His way.

 3. Money isn’t the problem. The heart and items we trust in are the problems.

 4. Romans 8:20-22 reminds us of the curse as a result of man’s fall in the garden.

 5. Matthew 12:34b “*For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”* Jesus is calling men’s hearts back to God and His kingdom.

 6. *I learned that before the fall of man, mans mind (enlightened by God’s glory) ruled his will and affections. But now the inferior faculties will and affections overrule the unregenerate mind and leads one into all kinds of destruction away from God.”* (Source: A.W. Pink)

 7. “The conscience must be informed, the affections warmed, and the will moved to action in that direction.” (Source A.W. Pink)

 8. WARNING! Don’t forget how sinful and deceitful our hearts are!

 9. The word of God is the only thing that can flame our lives so that the conscience must be informed and the affections warmed.

 10. Who’s your master? “*God and money are diametrically opposed and cannot coexist.”* (Source: John MacArthur) One master calls us to walk by faith, humbly looking to eternity. The other master says live for the here & now, strut your stuff, and be proud. WHO DO YOU SERVE?

**Time of Prayer**