



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

Sunday, September 8, 2024

That Christ should clothe himself with our flesh, a piece of that earth which we tread upon; oh infinite humility! Christ's taking our flesh was one of the lowest steps of his humiliation. He humbled himself more in lying in the virgin's womb than in hanging upon the cross. It was not so much for man to die, but for God to become man was the wonder of humility. 'He was made in the likeness of men' (Phil 2:7).

—Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity*

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude **Glen Harper**

Special Music **Adult Choir**
'Christ Be in My Waking' by Townend/Brading/Shackley

Hymn **Crown Him with Many Crowns (129)**

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began,
And ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man;
Who ev'ry grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, th' incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,

Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Scripture Reading Acts 7:2-16

²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, ³and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.' ⁴Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living. ⁵Yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring after him, though he had no child. ⁶And God spoke to this effect—that his offspring would be sojourners in a land belonging to others, who would enslave them and afflict them four hundred years. ⁷'But I will judge the nation that they serve,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and worship me in this place.'⁸ And he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs. ⁹"And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him ¹⁰and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household. ¹¹Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food. ¹²But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers on their first visit. ¹³And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. ¹⁴And Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five persons in all. ¹⁵And Jacob went down into Egypt, and he died, he and our fathers, ¹⁶and they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn How Deep the Father's Love for Us (80)

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Hymn His Robes for Mine (181)

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

REFRAIN: I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own;
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: What cause have I for dread?
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand, with righteous works not mine,
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

REFRAIN

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.

REFRAIN

His robes for mine: Such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!

REFRAIN

Scripture Reading Genesis 45:1-28

45 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God

sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him. ¹⁶When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. ¹⁷And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.' ¹⁹And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ²⁰Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'" ²¹The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. ²²To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes. ²³To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. ²⁴Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way." ²⁵So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. ²⁷But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon Dr. Blair Waddell

'The Big Reveal' Genesis 45:1-28

Hymn The Sands of Time Are Sinking (427)

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks;
 The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes;
 Dark, dark hath been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand,
 And glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.

The King there in His beauty, without a veil is seen;
 It were a well spent journey though sev'n deaths lay between;
 The Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand,
 And glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, deep well of love;
The streams on earth I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above;
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.

With mercy and with judgment my web of time He wove;
And always dews of sorrow were lustered with His love;
I'll bless the hand that guided; I'll bless the heart that planned,
When throned where glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's and my Beloved's mine!
He brings a poor, vile sinner into His "house of wine;"
I stand upon His merit, I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garments but her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace:
Not at the crown He giveth, but on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory of Immanuel's land.

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Outline

'The Big Reveal' Genesis 45:1-28

- I. Joseph's Reaction
 - a. Reveals who he is
 - b. Reveals what he knows
 - c. Reveals what he can do
 - i. Protection
 - ii. Provision
 - iii. Property
- II. Pharaoh's Reaction (Genesis 41:40-45)
- III. Jacob's Reaction
- IV. Another Big reveal (Matthew 18:21-35; Revelation 7:9-14, 19:11-16, 21:4)

K Group Questions for September 11, 2024

1. If you were Joseph, could you have looked over your trials and not held resentment towards your siblings? Why or why not? How was Joseph able to

- overcome any hard feelings?
2. What does Pharaoh's speech reveal about his regards toward Joseph? How do you think Joseph obtained such high regard?
 3. How does the theme of 'clothing' relate to Joseph's story?
 4. Why do we struggle so much in accepting God's sovereignty?
 5. When we reach the final 'grand reveal' how do you think we will regard our time on earth and what we think of God?

Announcements

Quarterly Members Update Today @ 4:00PM, Fellowship Hall

All PBC members are encouraged to attend this meeting. *Childcare is available for ages 5 and under.* We ask that older children remain with their parents.

Postpartum Support Group – September 9 @ 9:30AM, Home of Ellie Milby

Please let the host know if you plan to attend. Contact Hannah Ring (865-766-9274) with questions.

- Hannah Ring's Home – Monday, September 23 @ 9:00AM

Fall Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study: September 12 – November 7

Signup is in the foyer.

- Thursday morning 9:30-11:00, in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare available. Topic: "Deuteronomy" led by Sue Carter, Cassie Lofts, and Betsy Walker. Contact Sue Carter (256-682-6586) or sjcarter74@gmail.com
- Monday evenings 6:00 at the home of Giselle Crooks. (There is no childcare) Join us for the evening Bible Study, studying "The Attributes of God" by Steven Lawson. Please Contact Reagan Bynum or Giselle Crooks with any questions or for more information.

Friday Fellowship – Friday, September 13 @ 5:30PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us for food, fellowship, and praise. Bring something to share for a chili and fixings potluck followed by a time of singing and reading Scripture together. Bring an instrument if you'd like to jam along. Everyone is welcome! RSVP to Ryan and Anna Wolfe at ryanannawolfe@gmail.com or 256-808-0503.

The Monthly Saturday Ladies' Book Discussion Begins September 14, FH

We will meet the *second* Saturday of each month with fellowship from 9:15-9:30 and discussion from 9:30-11:00. This group is a 'no-pressure' group. If you don't have time to read or inclination to talk, please come anyway!! We will discuss *The Discipline of Grace*, by Jerry Bridges. For more information, please contact Beth Hammond (khammond12@aol.com).

Men's Fellowship – Tuesday, September 24 @ 6:00PM

Men, join us at Greenbrier Restaurant (27028 Old Hwy 20, Madison, AL 35756) for supper and some well needed fellowship. A sign-up sheet is provided on the foyer table. **Please sign up** so we can make reservations.

Prospective Members Class Begins September 29

This course provides an overview of the vision, ministry, and organization of Providence Baptist Church. In it you will learn about our policies and strategies in fulfilling our mission statement as well as discovering ways you can serve. You will also hear testimonies from current church members and develop new friendships. The introduction to the church lasts six weeks. There is no obligation to join the church. If you have considered joining PBC or if you have any questions, please contact Daniel Weaver (daniel.weaver@providencebaptist.us).

FALL BREAK – September 30-October 4 – No K Groups or Ladies Bible Study

Faith & Bioethics Conference – Saturday, October 26 @ 9:00AM-Noon, FH

Our guest speaker is Dr. Mark Bolyard, University Professor of Biology at Union University in Jackson, TN. The conference will include three sessions: *In Vitro Fertilization: Past-Present-Future*; *Genetic Testing and Sequencing*; *Genetic Treatments and Other Therapies*. See the bulletin board for session descriptions.

Weekly Happenings ...

Wednesdays K Groups @ 6:00PM – Host Homes

Upcoming Events ...

September 9	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM
September 12	Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study @ 9:30AM
September 13	Friday Fellowship @ 5:30PM
September 14	Monthly Ladies Book Discussion Group Begins
September 17	Elders Meeting
September 22	3 rd Quarter Sunday School Ends
September 23	Postpartum Support Group @ 9:00AM
September 24	Men's Fellowship Dinner @ 6:00PM
September 29	4 th Quarter Sunday School Begins
Sept 30-Oct 4	Fall Break – No K Groups or Ladies Bible Study
October 20	Chili Cook-off
October 26	Faith & Bioethics Conference – <i>Save the Date!</i>