

Sermon Meditation for Sunday, Feb. 5th
Looking to Jesus, Part 18
Always Tasting, Never Changing

READ FIRST: Hebrews 6:4-6

Definition of harmony: *“agreement; accord; harmonious relations. a consistent, orderly, or pleasing arrangement of parts; congruity.”* The most beautiful music finds its voice through intentional, orderly, and pleasant arrangement of its parts. From Mozart to John Wesley to Chris Tomlin, a harmonious melody speaks to the human heart like nothing else. The gift of music was given to mankind for the purpose of worship. As we sing to Him, we magnify His glory. Songs of worship are God’s language of love.

The message of the gospel in the Scriptures is Perfectly harmonious. There are no “dissonant chords” that strike conflicting notes or create strife with other refrains. God has given us sixty-six books written over a period of 1,500 years with one redeeming melody; salvation in the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. No conflicts, no disagreements, no errors.

One of the consistent themes in this song of salvation is the complete and thorough nature of grace and faith through which Jesus offers us eternal life. The perfect power of God’s grace will hold the child of God from conversion to glory. There should be no fear of losing what was given by the finished work of Jesus on the cross.

When we encounter a confusing or difficult passage in the Bible, the mandate is to harmonize that passage with the overall message of God’s plan found in Scripture. One important principle of biblical interpretation is this; always interpret unclear passages in the light of clear passages.

Our passage this Sunday requires some careful exposition and thorough harmonization. Jesus’ words are clear; “. . . those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. . . . And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. For it is my Father’s will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day.” John 6:37,39-40

Come this Sunday and enjoy the music of God’s glorious redemption and grace. Pastor Steve