



SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu. Persecution by the Chinese government is intensifying. May the Lord use their faithfulness in this trial to cause the gospel to spread rapidly throughout the country. JW Glidewell*

If you have any news, prayer requests, or events that you would like to have included in this update, please email the information to spurgeonassociation@gmail.com or call us at 785-456-8513.

DISCIPLES STUMBLE

By Ken Jones

There is no ambiguity in what the Apostle John says in 1 John 1:8: “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” So, any well-intended but misguided notions of Christian perfectionism can be put to rest. It seems that all of John’s exhortations in this letter rest on three fundamental truths: we should not sin (2:1), we will sin (1:8, 10), and we have forgiveness and propitiation for our sins (1:9; 2:1–2).

My focus here is on the fact that Christians do indeed sin. This truth is the logical and biblical outworking of the doctrine of justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, whose righteousness is imputed to us even as our guilt is imputed to Him. Our justification or right standing before God is not because in our regeneration we are now intrinsically

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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“If there is no church... should you not commence one?” C. H. Spurgeon

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“So I determined solely to focus on Christ. What does it matter whether somebody likes me, dislikes me, whether they claim to have gotten benefit from listening to my preaching or said it was worth listening to. What does it matter if the crowd is growing or shrinking? The only thing that matters is Christ and keeping my eyes on Christ, living the whole of my life so that I’m not set to please anybody but Him.”

Richard Owen Roberts

righteous or that we have righteousness infused within us. We stand righteous before God because He credits and covers us with what earlier Protestant theologians called an “alien” or “foreign” righteousness, which of course is the righteousness of Christ. The righteousness of Christ is complete, meaning that it satisfies all of the demands of God’s holy law.

Furthermore, the righteousness of Christ is of eternal value, meaning that it never expires. It is this complete, never-failing, objective righteousness to which our faith clings in the person and work of Christ. Genuine faith brings believers into union with Christ and therefore objectively covers them with His perfect obedience and purifying blood. Subjectively, we are awakened to at least three realities: (1) the depth of our fallenness (Rom. 7:13–19); (2) a genuine desire to do what is pleasing to God (Phil. 2:13; it is the combination of consciousness of our fallen nature and this God-given desire to do what is pleasing to God that creates the tension that Paul speaks of in Rom. 7:12–25); and (3) knowledge of the bounty of God’s grace in Christ that saves sinners (1 Tim. 1:15).

Being grounded in these truths and fleshing them out should enable us not only to understand the truthfulness of John’s assertion in 1 John 1:8, but to do so in a way that does not make us complacent in the fact that as Christians, we remain sinners. On the contrary, a true sense of our failures in thought, word, and deed magnifies the grace of God that saves sinners. And God’s grace magnified triggers gratitude that manifests itself in doing what pleases God. Yes, disciples stumble, but God uses their stumbling to show them more and more of the grace that is greater than all of their sin.

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<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2018/06/disciples-stumble/>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Southeast Founders

Conference—January 3-5. Grace Baptist Church in Cape Coral, Florida. Theme: *Do Justice — Love Kindness — Walk Humbly*. Speakers include Voddie Baucham, Josh Buice, Tom Ascol, and Jared Longshore. Early registration pricing through Dec. 6. Go to founders.org/events/ for information.

Deep South Regional

Founders Conference—January 24-26. Bethlehem Baptist Church in Laurel, MS. Theme: *The Doctrine of Sanctification*. Main Speaker: Conrad Mbewe. Go to founders.org/events/ for information.

True Church Conference—

February 14-17. Grace Life Church of the Shoals, Muscle Shoals, AL. Theme: *Honoring the Excellency of Jesus Christ*. truechurchconference.com

Southern Baptist Founders

Conference Midwest—February 26 & 27, 2019. First Baptist Church of Fenton in Fenton, MO. Theme: *Reformation in Today's Churches*. Speakers include Dr. Thomas Nettles & Dr. Owen Strachan. <https://sbfcmw.wordpress.com>

Saved By Faith Youth Camp—

June 17-21, 2019. Webster Conference Center, Salina, Kansas. Speaker: Dr. Jim Orrick. For more info go to www.sbfyckansas.com or email trinitybaptistwamego@gmail.com.

Encouraged to Endure

Conference—July 25-27, 2019. Second Baptist Church, West Frankfort, IL. Speakers: Joseph Mahlaola, Larry McCall, & John Snyder. Worship Leader: Tom Clay.



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the faithful teaching of Scripture. Our goal is simple;
pour the Word of God into the lives of students and
watch God do His work!**

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PRAYER MEETINGS FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AND REVIVAL

- Fellowship Baptist Church in Onaga, Kansas—5:00 pm on Sundays
- Trinity Baptist Church in Wamego, Kansas—8:00 pm on Saturdays

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We are a non-geographic association seeking to include any like-minded body of believers so that together we might better fulfill the great commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our intent is to lean on His instruction and not our imaginations so that He is honored in all that we do. We welcome churches who adhere to the confessions of faith accepted by Southern Baptists throughout their history, including, but not limited to, the Second London Confession (1689) and the Baptist Faith and Message.



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