

Sunday Gathering

July 23, 2023 - The Image-Bearer,
Exodus 6:2-7:7 - Bradley Bell

Call to Worship - Genesis 1:26-27, 31

In the beginning was God. And God was enough. But—

'Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.' Genesis 1:26-27

From a joyful heart God created us. It was after this that we read,

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31

So let us echo the joyful praise of the garden. Brothers and sisters,

When we gather to worship our Creator,
It is very good!

When we recognize that he is glad for us to share his image,
It is very good!

When we are joyful before the God who is enough,
It is very good!

[spontaneous prayer of praise]

Promises

Confession - Galatians 5:19-23

Church, when we forsook God in our sin, we corrupted the joyful image that he had given us. We read of this in Galatians 5:

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21

Beloved, where do you find yourself twisting what God has made good? Take a moment of confession.

Now hear these better words that continue in Galatians 5:

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Church, you have been restored as image-bearers who now bear the fruit of the Spirit. This is who you are—thanks be to God!

Build My Life

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

EOG - Grenada Team Report

Sermon - Exodus 6:2-7:7

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Take My Life And Let It Be

New Again

Benediction

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week. We describe them as "intentional environments to be transformed by the gospel through relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) Our July Family Meeting will be this evening at 6:00 PM. Dinner and childcare will be provided. These are important gatherings for covenant members and we encourage you to make every effort to attend.

2) August kicks off our annual Antioch Family series, which includes a number of Antioch Academy classes at 9 AM. You can see them on the screen and listed beside the training room.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. For today's benediction we will be praying for one of our distributed families who is visiting today.

(Prayer for the Dickeys)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

You are sent.
