

And indeed the justification of a believer is no other than his being admitted to communion in the justification of this head and surety of all believers: for as Christ suffered the punishment of sin, not as a private person, but as our surety. So when after this suffering he was raised from the dead, he was therein justified, not as a private person, but as the surety and representative of all that should believe in him. So that he was raised again not only for his own, but also for our justification, according to the apostle, Romans 4:25, "Who was delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification." And therefore it is that the apostle says, as he does in Romans 8:34, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again."

But that a believer's justification implies not only remission of sins, or acquittal from the wrath due to it, but also an admittance to a title to that glory which is the reward of righteousness, is more directly taught in the Scriptures, particularly in Romans 5:1, 2, where the apostle mentions both these as joint benefits implied in justification: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom also we have access into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

So remission of sin, and inheritance among them that are sanctified, are mentioned together as what are jointly obtained by faith in Christ, Acts 26:18, "That they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them that are sanctified through faith that is in me." Both these are without doubt implied in that passing from death to life, which Christ speaks of as the fruit of faith, and which he opposes to condemnation, John 5:24, "Verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

— Jonathan Edwards, *Justification by Faith*



Memorial Service

Pastor Wallace A. Bell

Saturday, June 22, 2024, 10 a.m.

*Then Samuel took a stone ...
and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying,
Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.*

1 Samuel 7:12



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Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Philippians 3:16

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In Honor of Pastor Wallace A. Bell

January 24, 1933 — June 1, 2024
*Minister of the Word and Sacraments
for this church from 1966-1999*

Welcome and Testimonials: Ron Renner, Elder Emeritus

Opening Scripture Readings

Prayer

* *Singing of Psalm 1:1-6, p. 3, St. Peter*

Scripture Readings:

- From the Psalms
- Presenting the Gospel Message of Salvation
- Applying to the Death of the Elderly
- Concerning a Notably Useful and Fruitful Christian Life

* *Singing of Psalm 23:1-6, p. 42, Crimond*

Scripture Readings Concerning the Resurrection and the Life Everlasting

Sermon Text, 2 Timothy 1:12 (Requested by Pastor Bell)

Sermon Title, "Christians: With This Life and the Next Life,
You Can Completely Trust Christ!"

* *Singing of Psalm 116:9-19, p. 258, Consolation*

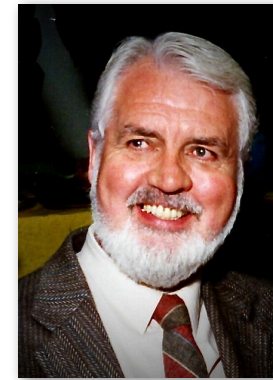
Closing Prayer and Dismissal: Ron Renner, Elder Emeritus

(* = *Please Stand*)

***On behalf of the family,
thank you for attending.***

In grateful praise to God for Pastor Bell's 33 years of faithful ministry to our church (previously known as the Puritan Evangelical Church of America), we have named our library (with its several thousand volumes mostly consisting of his personal donations) and acknowledged it with a picture and signage as the "Wallace A. Bell Library." Please come and see.

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"Praise the Sovereign God of Sovereign Grace!"

— Wallace A. Bell

(His personal words requested in his will to share at this service.)