CALL TO WORSHIP

A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord #258

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Mike S. AM

Cass H. PM

Wed-Bob M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Bob Miller's surgeries were completed Thursday on his eye. It appears they went well and he is recovering properly.
- During this trying and unique time we are in, pray for your brethren and contact them as the Lord lays it on your heart. This trial is sent of God. We can be confident it will be used to draw His people closer to Christ and to one another.

WORSHIP HYMN

Pass Me Not #235

CLOSING HYMN

Beneath The Cross Of Jesus #309

The prophet Isaiah was sent to Hezekiah saying: "thou shalt die, and not live" (Isaiah 38v1). God revealed "the sentence of death" in him. Oh what terrifying words to this flesh! Yet when God reveals his purpose in it, oh what grace and comfort is poured into the soul! For by the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2v12), we find that it is given "that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead" (2 Corinthians 1v9).

- Eric Lutter

PERILOUS TIMES

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." (II Timothy 3v1)

I imagine most people would say that we are living in perilous times right now. These are not perilous days because of the pandemic gripping the world. These are not perilous days because of civil unrest caused by man's hateful nature. These are perilous days because of the many issues that take our attention off of Christ. May God be pleased to stop us from becoming obsessed with society's issues and make us obsessed with knowing and trusting Christ. May God be pleased to give us the wisdom to not become obsessed with how to govern the world (Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. (Isaiah 45:9)) and make us obsessed with the preaching of Christ and Him crucified. May God be pleased to make us obsessed with knowing Christ and resting in Him. In a few short days all of these earthly events will be forgotten, but knowing Christ will still be all important to our souls.

- Frank Tate

He must increase, but I must decrease.

John 3v30

John the Baptist, the man who was sent to prepare the way of the Lord; the man who our Lord Jesus Christ said was the greatest prophet born of a woman, said: "The Lord Jesus Christ must increase, but I must decrease." To that, all of God's people will cry: Amen! The higher that the Lord Jesus Christ is raised up, and the more exalted God's people see Him to be... The happier they are! When Christ is exalted, their joy is exalted, their hope is exalted, and their faith is exalted as it LOOKS UP to Him, HIGH in the heavens. The higher they see His throne to be, the more glorious the gospel of their redemption is to them, and the more in awe they are of how far He came down to save them. After seeing Christ in all of His exalted glory, God's people cannot and will not ever see Him any other way. They will cry to every soul who will listen: "He must increase, but I must decrease!"

- Gabe Stalnaker

REPENTANCE UNTO LIFE

"Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life" (Acts 11v18).

TRUE repentance, "repentance unto life" is a gift of God (Acts 5v13; 11v18). It cannot be "worked up," "worked out," or in any way "produced" by natural man. Furthermore, it is not a one time or temporary thing, but a state of being. It is not so much an acknowledgement of what we have done which creates true repentance, but being brought by God the Spirit to the knowledge, understanding, and realization of what we are. It is one thing – and a good thing indeed! – to acknowledge a sinful deed or lifestyle and turn from it, but true repentance is the acknowledgement and turning away from SINFUL SELF. This involves not only my SINFUL sinful self, but also my RIGHTEOUS sinful self; which, by the way, is far more odious to God and detrimental to the salvation and peace of one's soul (Isa. 64v6; Phil. 3v1-9).

TRUE "repentance unto life" lives and abides in the soul, without regard to heaven or hell, pain or loss. Mr. Spurgeon used to ask the question, "How would you feel about sin if there was no heaven, no hell, and no judgment?" You see, true repentance never comes to a sinner because he has seen heaven or because he has seen hell, but because he has SEEN GOD! It is in God's light that true repentance lives and abides. In God's light the sinner sees what he is, knows what he is, and must live with that knowledge all the days of his life here below (Ps. 51; Rom. 7).

Thanks be unto God that whenever He gives true repentance to a sinful soul, it is always accompanied with faith in the gracious, sufficient, effectual Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance turns away from self and faith turns to and embraces the Lord Jesus. This is that "repentance unto life." Dear soul, do you have this repentance? Do you have a living faith in God's Christ, the Lord Jesus? Are you a CONVERTED sinner?

- Maurice Montgomery

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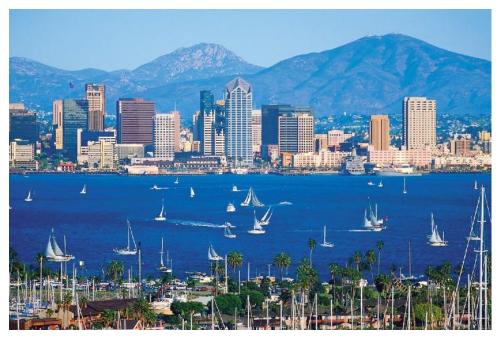
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"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Rev 22:17



"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." 1Cor 8:6