CALL TO WORSHIP

'Holy, Holy, Holy #70

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Kevin T. AM

Cass H. PM

Wed-Bob M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Our condolences are with Sarah Vargas and her family as they mourn the passing of Eddie Vargas. As I receive the funeral information, I will pass it along to you. I pray that this trial for them will glorify our Savior and be used to comfort His sheep.

WORSHIP HYMN

I am Thine, O Lord #314

CLOSING HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul #256

"Be ye kind, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4v32

I am so thankful for this verse because I cannot find a reason in me as to why God would forgive my sin. But a reason in me is not needed. He forgives my sin for Christ's sake. He is the only and all sufficient reason for the forgiveness of sin. What effect is that to have on us? To be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving to one another, in the same manner that God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us.

PRAY FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

"Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence." Isaiah 64v1-2

In Isaiah's day, the nation of Israel was in a terrible condition the same as it is in ours. Isaiah cried that God's presence might be known. The one thing the true church of God needs more than anything else is the presence of God. When the Lord makes his presence known—"the mountains flow down." Christ's presence melted Abraham's hard heart in the garden like a volcanic mountain flowing down in streams of lava. He makes the mountain of our rebellious heart flow down even as Mt. Sinai melted at his presence when he gave the law. On the cross he made the mountain of the law, with its curse and condemnation against his people, flow down in righteousness. Knowing how the presence of our Savior melted our hearts may our earnest prayer be for God's presence by which the "mountains flow down" that "the nations may tremble at thy presence."

- Clay Curtis

There is one true evidence of a work of grace, and regeneration in men and women: Love. That one who truly believes, who is born of God, loves God who begat him, and loves all those begotten of Him. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He who loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (I John 4:7-8).

'Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them" (Luke 15v1-2).

While the self-righteous Pharisees and Scribes withdrew from the Lord Jesus Christ and then harshly criticized Him, many publicans and sinners drew near to hear Him. What a blessing from the Lord to have a willingness to draw near to Him (John 6:44) and then to have ears to actually hear a word from Him (Act 10:33). His words are words of life (John 5:24). His words are words of salvation (Rom. 1:16; Heb. 4:12).

The worst thing the Pharisees and scribes said of the Lord, "This man recieveth sinners, and eateth with them;" is the best thing any sinner could hear. It is not sin that keeps a man from hearing the good news of the gospel of Christ, it is his presumed righteousness he is going about to establish by his religious deeds (Rom. 10:1-4). No man will ever come to Christ while he is resting in the deeds of the law for salvation (Rom. 3:19-20). It is only by the almighty power of His sovereign grace that will effectually quicken us and make us alive in Christ that will cause us to draw near to Him, to hear Him and to believe Him (John 5:21; Eph. 2:1; 1 John 5:1).

This Man receives sinners! What a miracle of amazing and sovereign grace (2 Tim. 1:9).

- Tom Harding

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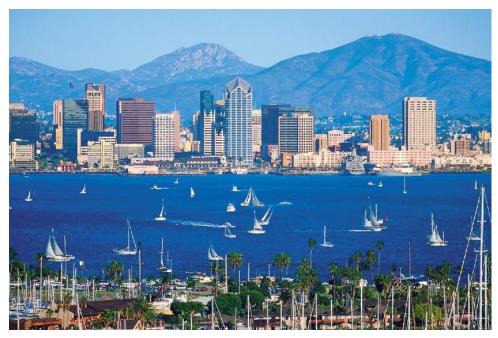
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"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

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*