

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace Greater Than All Our Sin #209

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Kevin T. Sun PM- Mike S.

Wed- Brian S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The conference in Rescue, CA will be the 29th through the 31st of January, 2021.
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WORSHIP HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour #318

CLOSING HYMN

Leave It There #353

“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” Gal 6v2

“We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.” Rom 15v1

To bear is to carry, take, hold, tolerate, or possess as our own.

Burdens are worries, problems, responsibilities, obligations.

Infirmities are weaknesses, sickness, disorders, diseases, sin.

If we truly bear one another's burdens and infirmities, it will not be pleasant or pleasing to our flesh. But, it will fulfil the law of Christ- bringing us in remembrance that He bore our sin in its entirety, under the wrath of God, in His body on the tree for us. This is why the yoke of Christ for the believer is light and easy.

-KBT

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

At this time of year many people are thinking about the birth of Christ. It is a good thing that we think about the miracle of the birth of Christ. God manifest in the flesh is one of the great miracles of God. But if all we think about is baby Jesus and the birth of Christ we have completely missed the significance of Christ's birth.

Christ did not come to earth as a man to be cooed at as a cute little baby. Christ was born to die as a full grown man (Matt 20:28) and to die for ungodly sinners (Rom. 5:6). Christ came to bear the sin of His people and to satisfy the justice of God by suffering and dying for their sin (Isaiah 53:4-5). Christ came in the flesh to have His body opened so a fountain of sin cleansing blood would come forth (Zech. 13:1). Christ came to purchase the elect church of God with His shed blood (Acts 20:28).

We worship, not a babe in a manger, but a risen, successful, victorious Savior. Nowhere in scripture are we told to celebrate the birth of Christ. We are repeatedly told to celebrate the death and the resurrection of Christ. I love to think about the miracle of Christ's birth because there could be no death, burial, and resurrection of Christ unless He was born according to God's promise as the seed of woman born in the city of David.

- Pastor Frank Tate (Ashland, Ky)

What a blessing it is when a person is brought to be terrified of sinning against God- and not terrified of this world!

WHICH WAY ARE YOU GOING?

Genesis 4:1-5

We live in a most religious world. In every county, country and culture; among all people, without exception there is some form of religion. Did you know that all religions can be summed into two groups; the way of Cain or the way of Abel?

Cain represents the way that seems right unto men (Prov. 14:12), the way of the flesh, works, self-righteousness and self-glory; do the best you can and God will be satisfied. Cain approached God with the best efforts of all his labors, "the fruit of the ground" and God had no respect unto him or his offering. It is recorded in the scriptures, "Woe unto them that have gone the way of Cain" (Jude 1:11).

Abel represents the way that God has established throughout scripture to show mercy to undeserving sinners. It is the way of free grace (Rom. 3:24), the way of effectual substitution by a blood offering (2 Cor. 5:21), the way of faith (Heb. 11:1-4). Clearly, Abel and his offering are a picture of the only way of salvation in and through the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). The Lord called Abel a righteous man (Matt. 23:35).

Now, which way are you going? I know that all of us by nature are going the way of Cain, because that is what comes to us naturally. It seems rather logical and reasonable to approach God on the basis of our works. However, our best efforts will never satisfy God's offended justice (Psalm 39:5; Luke 16:15). God has singled out these two brothers to teach us the way of God's salvation through faith alone (Heb. 12:2), Christ alone (John 14:6), through grace alone (2 Tim 1:9), through the blood alone (1 Peter 1:18-20), and to plainly condemn the way of salvation by works (Rom. 9:13-15; Titus 3:5).

I pray that God will give us much grace to follow the example of Abel and to seek salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11:28).

- Pastor Tom Harding (Pikeville, Ky)

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Sunday December 20th, 2020

"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