#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

It Is Well With My Soul #256

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Greg C.

Sun PM- Mike S.

Wed-Bob M.

#### **WORSHIP HYMN**

My Faith Has Found A Resting Place #228

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• It is our pleasure to welcome our brethren, Greg and Martha Cooper, with us this week.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord #388

## BELIEVE YE THAT I AM ABLE TO DO THIS? Mat 9v28

This was a question the Lord asked two blind men regarding His ability to give them sight. Their answer was, "Yea, Lord." Here we are given an illustration of what faith really is. Faith is not believing you are saved or believing that God loves you and Christ died for you or believing all of your sins are forgiven or believing you are perfect in God's sight. These things belong to the realm of assurance.

Faith is neither more nor less than believing that He is able to save you. Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:12, "I am persuaded that He is able...." Assurance that you are saved and all of your sins are forgiven will come out of that, but the actual act of faith is believing He is able. If you lack assurance, perhaps you have never really believed that "He is able." Believing He is able will lead to the assurance of these things, because you are relying upon His ability, and not your own.

#### RAHAB THE HARLOT Joshua 6:17 Hebrews 11:31

In our congregation we have, Paul the engineer, Sharon the nurse, Jeff the contractor, Matthew the welder, LuAnn the secretary, and Noah the student. Oftentimes we are identified with our occupation, or what we do in this life. I don't suppose that is a bad way to be remembered, unless, of course, you have an undesirable occupation. Such was the case with Rahab. She was a harlot. What a title to be stuck with some three thousand years after her death. She wouldn't deny it, that is what she was. Yet, her name and title is recorded in "The believer's hall of faith," as one who had trusted in Christ and perished not.

In the end, it will not matter what my occupation was, or what I did. All that will matter is what Christ Jesus, the One who died to put my sin away, did for me. With the believer, in heavens glory, the title, "Child of God," will follow each of our names.

- Pastor David Eddmenson

#### A BETTER COVENANT

"But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." Hebrews 8v6

We who preach and believe salvation by God's grace have a more excellent ministry because we have a more excellent message: the covenant of God's grace. The covenant of grace is more excellent than the covenant of law because the covenant of grace is dependent on Christ not the sinner. The covenant of grace is more excellent because it depends on God's eternal grace not the works of the sinner. The covenant of grace is more excellent because it forgives sin instead of charging with sin. The covenant of grace is more excellent because it imputes righteousness not sin. The covenant of grace is more excellent because it gives freedom not a burden, peace not war, rest not work, life not death, and light not darkness. Thank God for a more excellent covenant!

- Pastor Frank Tate

#### PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

How blessed it would be for us, and for all who cross our paths, if we could put our theology into deeds and not mere words. We profess to believe in God's immutable sovereignty and then constantly mourn over our lot in life. We claim to believe in God's purpose and providence, but fill every ear that will listen with our discontent and our sad state of affairs. Usually those who do the most complaining have, in reality, the least to complain about; while those who have serious handicaps, heavy burdens, and deep sorrows find a reason to praise the Lord and rejoice in His blessings. I need not remind you of God's anger with Israel because of their murmuring, or to remind you of the words of our Lord, "Take no anxious thought for what you shall eat, drink, or wear" or to remind you of the words of Paul, "Let your conversation be without covetousness, and be content with such things as ye have." No! I need not remind you of these words; for you have read them, taught them, and perhaps preached them. Then our problem is not ignorance of the Word and will of God (perhaps it would be better if this were our problem); our problem is identified in Hebrews 4:2, "The Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." It is a heart problem, for out of the heart the mouth speaks. And truthfully, our complaints are not with men, who are but second causes, but with God WHOM WE SAY is the first Cause and Lord of our lives. I can understand the free-willer (whose God is but a puppet of man's permission) complaining, murmuring, and finding fault with all about Him. But the most inconsistent person living is the professed Christian who says he believes, "The Most High rules in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever He will" or "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you", and then fills the air about with a constant stream of complaints and reasons why he should be somewhere else or doing something else, or blessed in a more abundant measure. A certain cure for anxious care is TRUST. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!"

- Henry Mahan

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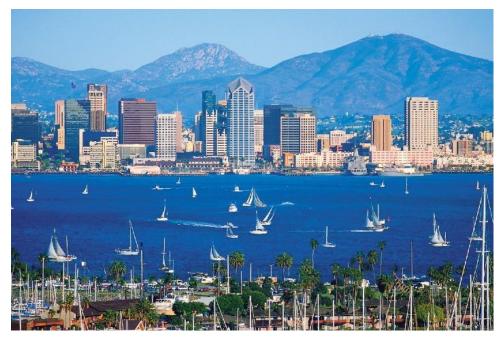
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#### Sunday March 21st, 2021

"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*