

CALL TO WORSHIP

Yesterday, Today, Forever #283

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Bob M.

Sun PM- Mike S.

Wed- Cass H.

WORSHIP HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus #204

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Once For All #205

YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED

When the Lord Jesus Christ saves a man by his grace, his power, and his blood, he sets the captive soul free! We have known the oppressive load of bondage. But Christ has made us free! In Christ we are free from sin's power and penalty. We are free from the law's curse and dominion. We are free from the bondage of religious tradition and ceremony. We are free from the power of Satan. And we are free to approach the eternal God. This is the liberty of grace. *"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed"* (John 8:36).

- Don Fortner

THE 7000 CLUB

*"Yet I have left me **seven thousand** in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him"* (1 Kings 19:18).

Oh Lord of the harvest, raise up true and faithful laborers, preachers, and pastors. Laborers who are not concerned for worldly honor, gain, nor possessions, but for the spiritual welfare of their hearers, the glory of God, and the preeminence of Jesus Christ. Laborers who fear neither men of the world nor men of the church, who fear not loneliness nor failure, whose only fear is *"the fear of the Lord."* Laborers who know how to be abased and how to abound, how to live with poverty and plenty, and to treat those two imposters as the same. Laborers who are COMPLETE IN CHRIST and CONTENT WITH CHRIST, and who are quite determined to preach Christ and Him crucified. Laborers who love their Master and have no complaint with where they labor nor how long they labor and are willing to leave the harvest in His hands.

Are we as destitute for true laborers as it seems? Is the famine of hearing the Word of God as wide-spread as it appears? Oh God, where are **THE 7000** who have *"not bowed their knee to Baal nor kissed him with their mouths?"*

This is truly the order: first, THE KNEE buckles under the strain of fear, opposition, criticism, loneliness, and trial; then THE MOUTH follows with soft words of compromise and smooth intellectual words of man's wisdom, which lessens the offense of the cross.

Oh, to be a member of THE 7000 CLUB!

- Pastor Henry T. Mahan (Bulletin 1987)

FAITHFULNESS

I receive a steady barrage of incoming mail from religious hucksters peddling their gimmicks promising to increase the faithfulness of church members in attendance and offerings. Some employ innovations such as drama and dance which make services more appealing to the flesh. Some employ campaigns with lofty goals designed to excite members to attend and give. Some employ contests with awards such as lapel-pins and certificates and trophies. Some employ guilt-trips.

I reprobate all their gimmicks. They are perfectly suited for the synagogue of Satan. They have no place in the church of Christ.

Saints attend the worship services of their church because they love Christ. They therefore desire every opportunity to corporately worship Christ, hear the gospel of Christ, and fellowship with the saints of Christ. The frequency with which they attend will be a fair indication of how much they desire to learn of Christ and fellowship with His saints. They will not be "*forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some*" (Hebrews 10:25). Those who do not attend, apart from providential hindrance, are evidencing by their absence that they would rather be present somewhere else, be doing something else, be with someone else.

- Pastor Daniel Parks (St. Croix, USVI)

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6:30 PM Evening Service

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Sunday August 8th, 2021



“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”

1Cor 1v23-24