## CALL TO WORSHIP

And Can It Be That I Should Gain? #44

## SCRIPTURE READING

Sun AM- Brian S. Wed- Cass H.

## **WORSHIP HYMN**

Yesterday, Today, Forever #283

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- After the messages, we will have a meal in the back. Bring what you like.

- There will be no evening service tonight.

# CLOSING HYMN God Be With You #82

## NOT THE MAN, BUT THE MESSAGE

"But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed." Gal 1v23

When Stephen was stoned to death for preaching Christ, he cried aloud as Christ did on the cross, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." (Acts 7v60). Our Lord was merciful to one standing there holding the coats of the murders - Saul of Tarsus. Later, Paul would preach to those who heard of Stephen and what Paul had done to other children of God. But, through the mercies of God in Christ, they heard the message and not the man! "And they glorified God in me." (Gal 1v24). Oh, that we could be kept from looking at the man, or the past transgressions, and glorify the workmanship of God in sinners that are saved from all their sins by the very same Grace we are!

"Then said they unto Him, 'What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?"" (John 6:28)

What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Our Lord gives us the life giving answer to that question— *"Believe on the one God sent!"* Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ! [John 6:28-29]

Reader, how will you do that? By the grace of God in Christ given to us before the foundation of the world. By the grace of God His people are hid in the Ark of their salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, you have been put in Christ—the Ark of your salvation, and we say to those who are hearing the gospel this morning, flee to Christ, flee today. Believe on Him right now! Perhaps you have left this building in the past without coming to Christ, without laying hold of Him by faith, but I trust if you have received God's grace in Christ, you'll come running now. I need a savior right now. Coming to Christ is believing on Christ every present moment. Lord, if I have not loved you before—let me love you today. If I have not come to Christ Jesus your Son before, let me come to Him today. If I have not laid hold of Christ before, I beg you, let me lay hold of Him now, and ever more.

Friend, Christ is the only Savior. Christ Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*" (John 14:6). Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved! Amen.

Every sermon sent by God Almighty will always find its focus in the Person of the Lord Jesus. He is the Alpha and Omega of life. He is the answer to all eternal questions and the purpose of all things. Comfort in all trials is found by hearing the message of Christ which proclaims His glory, work, and honor. We will never be found to honor Him more than to hear and believe His Gospel which, beginning with Moses and throughout all the prophets and in all the scriptures, declare those things that are concerning Him.

-Pastor Marvin Stalnaker (Fairmont, WV)

#### SAFE

It is a very good thing to feel safe. However, it is much better to be safe. April 15, 1912, everyone on the "unsinkable" Titanic felt safe, and were living life as if there was no tomorrow. Tragically, for over 1500 poor souls, there would be no tomorrow. In contrast, the disciples were on a rickety wooden boat crossing the sea of Galilee when suddenly there were in a "great tempest". Fearing they were about to die, they cried out to the Lord who was asleep in the boat. "Lord, save us: we perish". After rebuking them for their fear and lack of faith, He immediately calmed the seas and straightforward they were safe on the other side. On one boat people felt safe but were not. On the other boat men did not feel safe but were. What made the difference? Who made the difference? If the Lord Jesus Christ is in our boat we are safe, even when the seas are turbulent. Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Pr. 29:25b. The oceans of this world are full of stately vessels filled with careless souls oblivious to the destruction that is just below the surface of their shallow religion. Their porters assure the passengers that once you pay your fare, you are guaranteed safe passage to the other side. The truly safe boats are usually small unimpressive vessels of just a few "fellows on the ship". On these little boats the Lord is resting because He has finished His work to pay in full the fare for all on board.

- Pastor Greg Elmquist (Apopka, FL)

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Sunday September 5th, 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