CALL TO WORSHIP

Crown Him With Many Crowns #62

SCRIPTURE READING

HYMN

Tell Me The Old, Old Story #229

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The featured message on Sermon Audio has had over 300 downloads (and several others since). I am confident the Lord's word will not return to Him void!

CLOSING HYMN

Grace Greater Than All Our Sin #209

If we knew how needy we are, we would not neglect to pray. If we knew how vile we are, we would not fail to thank Him for His mercy. If we knew how glorious He is, we would not cease to praise Him. If we knew how soon we will be with Him, we would not be discouraged.

- Pastor Chris Cunningham (College Grove, TN)

God's people are motivated by grace. We do not motivate God's people by guilt, fear of punishment, or promise of reward. God's people are motivated by love, gratitude, and grace. Anything given or done for the service of God that is performed out of a sense of duty, because of fear, or in hope of reward is an abomination to God. It would be better left undone. God will have a willing people to serve him, a people who give and do what they can for the honor of his name because they want to.

- Don Fortner

SERVING BRETHREN

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love..."

Romans 12:10

Regarding how we are to love our brethren the Apostle says "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Romans 12:10-11). This service of love is further illuminated in verse 13 "Distributing [communicating] to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality." In this passage we find that helping and showing hospitality to our brethren is accomplished during times of difficulty. The most meaningful time to show love is during times of tribulation and hardship.

Paul is speaking of love and fervent service in the midst of trying times. "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer" (Romans 12:12). Imagine making sacrifices for one another during times of persecution. Be ready, he says, to serve your brethren even in the midst of tribulation. Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh which seeks to preserve self above all others. Walk in the new man, in fellowship with your God through continual prayer that you may recognize the needs of others. When the heart is set upon this world, many opportunities to serve go unnoticed. How many are lonely? How many struggle? "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity. I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints" (1 Corinthians 16:13-15).

- Pastor Eric Lutter (Battlefield, MO)

A TRUE BELIEVER

"... Sir, we would see JESUS."

John 12:21

A TRUE believer in Christ does not desire to know more than the Lord has revealed in His word. While many expend countless hours studying world events, trying to connect those events for a revelation concerning the second coming, the believer studies God's Word which is the revelation of Jesus Christ. While the one trusting Christ is certainly watching expectantly for the return of his Lord, he is not taken up with the events surrounding that return. A believer is taken up only with the Christ Who is returning.

- Pastor Marvin Stalnaker (Fairmont, WV)

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

If my children follow my example, what kind of people will they be? Will they be faithful or unfaithful? Generous or stingy? Content or complaining? If every marriage has mine as its example, will people be happily married? If every church member were just like me, what kind of church would this church be? If every employee were just like me. . . I could go on and on, but the point is "Faith without works is dead."

A faith that does not manifest itself in every area of my life is not saving faith! The first thing the Lord said to each of the seven churches in Asia was, "I know thy works." It is our works that prove the reality of our faith. The example we give is what we really are!

- Pastor Donnie Bell (Crossville, TN)

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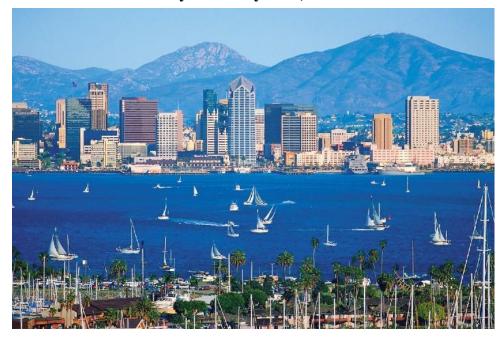
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"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

1Cor 1v23-24