

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness # 40**

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## SCRIPTURE READING

**Sun-** Brian S.

**Wed-** Kevin T.

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## HYMN

**Look And Live # 195**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lord willing, Pastor Gabe Stalnaker, and his wife Hannah, will be with us this Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. Gabe is pastor of Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church in Kingsport, TN.

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## CLOSING HYMN

**Blest Be The Tie That Binds # 187**

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF PREACHING

Nothing we do is more important than hearing the gospel preached. It is impossible for us to have faith in Christ without hearing the Word preached. *“faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Rom. 10:17) It is impossible for us to be saved without hearing the gospel preached. *“it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe”* (I Cor. 1:21) God does not save His people by emotional pleas, psychology, intelligent arguments, or by the form, ceremonies, and motions of religion. God only saves His people by the preaching of the Word alone – by the bare preaching of Christ. God also only feeds, instructs, and causes His people to grow by the same preaching. May the Lord enable us to faithfully make much of the preaching of Christ!

- Pastor Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

## SOVEREIGN MERCY AND GRACE

*“And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.” - Exodus 33:19*

Had God not loved a particular people; and had God not been gracious to a particular people and shown mercy to a particular people, not one soul would have ever been saved. We would have never chosen Him had He not chosen us. We would have never loved Him had He not loved us. We would have rejected His mercy and grace had it not been irresistible. Thank God for His sovereignty in all these things toward us.

- Pastor Gabe Stalnaker (Kingsport, TN)

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*“For I am the Lord, I change not.” - Malachi 3:6*

God is unchangeable in His essence, nature, and perfections. Isn't it wonderful that in our experience in a life that is nothing but change, to know that the Lord changes not? His purpose has never altered and never will. This gives assurance and peace to all who have fled to Christ for refuge.

- Pastor David Pledger (Houston, TX)

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While in this world, the lost sinner is weary of dying, while the child of God is weary of living.

- Pastor David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

## I AM A JEHOVAH WITNESS

The Jehovah Witnesses visited Pastor Paul Mahan recently. Upon determining who they were, he asked, "Do you know the meaning of or who Jehovah-Tsidkenu is?" They replied, "No!" He asked, "Then are you familiar with Jehovah-Jireh?" Again, they reply came, "No!" "How about Jehovah-Shalom and Jehovah-Nissi?" The answer was always "No!" Pastor Mahan said, "You are not witnesses of Jehovah; I AM A JEHOVAH WITNESS!" Strange how men will take to themselves religious titles, names, and slogans and not have the slightest understanding of them! Thank God, *"The Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life"* (I John 5:20).

- Henry Mahan

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### AND NOW WHY TARRIEST THOU? ARISE AND BE BAPTIZED!

There are people in our assemblies who have heard the gospel of Christ with the heart. They believe Him, they love Him, and they truly rest in Him as Lord and Redeemer; but they have not confessed Christ in believer's baptism. The question is asked, "*Why tarriest thou?*" I believe I can answer for them.

1. They are troubled by the presence and strength of indwelling sin; "*In my flesh dwelleth no good thing.*"
2. They are shocked by the weakness of their faith.
3. They fear that they will fail and dishonor the Lord and embarrass the church.
4. They are waiting for greater assurance and more grace.
5. They are by nature very timid and shun public demonstrations.

But no such reasons are valid; for in baptism we are not confessing our holiness, but His; not our strength, but His; not our life, but His! "*We are dead and our life is hid with Christ in God*" (Col. 3:3).

- Henry Mahan

# San Diego Grace Fellowship

*"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*

**April 17th, 2022**

#### Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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