

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### SCRIPTURE READING

**Sun-** Brian S.

**Wed-** Cass H.

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### HYMN

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome Brother Obie Williams to this congregation again. Obie is from Kingsport, TN, where Brother Gabe Stalnaker is pastor. He is a dear friend and faithful preacher!

- Lord willing, my family and I will return tomorrow evening.

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### CLOSING HYMN

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#### ALMOST OR FULLY PERSUADED

“...almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian”. Acts 26:28. Most of the sermons preached from this verse connect the word “almost” with Christian. Almost is an adverb. Adverbs modify verbs. The verb in this statement is “persuaded”, not Christian. Agrippa was not saying, he was almost a Christian. He was saying, “I am not fully persuaded”. Herein is the difference for us, oh child of God. Being taught of God we are fully persuaded that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that He is able to keep that which we have committed (entrusted the salvation of our souls) unto Him against that day. If we look at our lives, we are likely to think, maybe I’m just almost a Christian. But when we consider Whom we have believed, we say with confidence, “I am fully persuaded that what He has promised, He is able also to perform.” Rom 4:21.

- Pastor Greg Elmquist (Apopka, FL)

“... thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he **shall save** his people from their sins.” – Matt 1v21

Recently, my son became a lifeguard at a local water park. He went through his training for CPR, basic first aid, swim tests, and finally his lifeguard certification exam. In “modern terms”, he is now equipped to save lives.

However, the company’s policy for assisting a person in danger is to ask them if they are willing to receive aid. While they attempt to rescue themselves, they may refuse any help. If the one needing support is a small child, the lifeguard must ask permission from the parents to intervene. Some refuse this “**help**”! If the lifeguard is allowed to help, the swimmer would be assisting in some way. Both could be praised.

But, when someone is unresponsive; when someone (child or adult) appears dead; when they are lifeless; when they cannot even request help; when they have no ability to save themselves; when no one is around to accept assistance on their behalf; it is then lawful for the lifeguard to rescue, resuscitate the injured and “**save**” them. Only the lifeguard can be praised.

Spiritually, there is a vast difference between helping and saving someone! It is eternal life and death! The Lord Jesus Christ did not come to **help** His people, He came to **save** His people, while we were dead in trespasses and sins. He will receive all the glory for it!

- KBT

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In happy moments, praise God. In difficult moments, seek God. In quiet moments, worship God. In every moment, thank God.

- Pastor Marvin Stalnaker (Fairmont, WV)

## WHO COMES TO JESUS CHRIST?

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” - Matthew 11:28*

Who comes to the Lord Jesus Christ that they might have life? All those (everyone) who labor and are heavy laden over their sin. It was the same sort of folks that came to David in the cave of Adullam. *“And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.”* (1 Samuel 22:2) Who comes to the Lord Jesus Christ for life in abundance? We have a three-fold description of those who do.

1. **Everyone that is in distress.** That word “distress” means “disabled.” A disability is a lack of ability. Everyone that is in distress (deep anguish) over their disability will come to Christ. Blindness is a disability. Blindness is the inability to see. By nature, you and I (everyone) cannot see. Being deaf is a disability. It is the inability to hear. Because of man’s fall, you and I (everyone) cannot hear. We cannot come to Christ. (John 6:44) We will not come to Christ. (John 5:40) Why? Because our sin has disabled us!

2. **Everyone that is in debt.** To be in debt means to owe something to someone. We owe a debt to God for our sin that we are unable to pay. We are dead in sin and can do nothing to pay this debt. We have no righteousness. We have no equity. Our only hope of redemption is that Christ pays our great debt of sin.

3. **Everyone that is discontent.** Those who came to David were discontent (dissatisfied). They were discontent (disgruntled) with the world’s choice of king. They wanted to serve God’s chosen King. If God was content and satisfied with the King He chose, they too would most certainly be.

Have you come to the King? Are you distressed and disabled? Do you see that you are in great debt? Are you discontent (dissatisfied) with your imagined righteousness? Then come to your King as those four hundred men did that came to David. Jesus Christ is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He can give you peace and rest. Though you are disabled, He can enable you to come. Christ is the only One who can pay your debt of sin in full. He is the only One who can satisfy God and justify you. He is the believer’s Captain, Master, Ruler and Savior. Come to Him, for everyone who does has life.

- Pastor David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

# 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

**July 10th, 2022**

### Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM  
- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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