

CALL TO WORSHIP

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SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Cass H.

Wed- Bob M.

HYMN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No meal following this morning's service. Lord willing, we will have a big meal next month.

- Fred Evans, pastor of Redeemer's Grace Church in Sellersburg, IN, is scheduled to be here Sunday October 16th and Wednesday the 19th.

CLOSING HYMN

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It is not until God reveals His sovereign character that these three questions will always be answered in a way that gives the believer true peace, comfort and rest. Here are the final answers to every question that begins with "Why? How? When?".

WHY? *"Even so Father: it seemed good in thy sight."* (Matthew 11:26, Luke 10:21)

HOW? *"According to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."* (Ephesians 1:11)

WHEN? *"But when it pleased God."* *"Until the time appointed."* (Galatians 1:15, Galatians 4:2)

I am so thankful that our God is in the heavens doing whatsoever He has pleased. Remember, God doesn't do something because it is right, it is right because God does it.

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

"I labored more abundantly than they all" – I Corinthians 15:10

In the previous verse he said, *"I am the least of the apostles."* This was not mock humility. He really believed this! Yet, he says with regard to all of the other apostles, *"I labored more abundantly than they all."* This was not said with pride. He knew he had done so only by grace. It was still a fact he stated concerning his more abundant labor. While I may not have the gifts of others, that cannot prevent me from putting all of my effort into what I am doing. While there is no competition in the Kingdom of God with others, whatever the Lord has called us to do we are called upon to, *"Do it with thy might."* (Ecc. 9:10) We are serving Christ in whatever we are doing, and we should *"Labor more abundantly."*

- Todd Nibert (Lexington, KY)

NEEDFUL TRIALS

"Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, the cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice" (John 13: 37-38).

Peter needed this fall. In order for him to be made into a preacher of grace, he needed to drink of this cup. Peter needed to taste his own weakness first so that he would be more able to have compassion on them that are weak.

God gave Paul a thorn in the flesh to keep him humble. David was allowed to sin a great sin against God (Psalm 51:4). In order for God to make David the sweet Psalmist of Israel and a man after God's own heart, he needed this fall. All whom God saves have a needful fall. We need it to keep us from pride of place, race and grace. It is sad but so that there is so much sin still in us that we need to be reminded that we are nothing more than sinners saved by grace. Let us never forget that a sinner saved by grace is still a sinner all the way home.

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

PREACHING vs DEBATING

No spiritual good will ever come from debating doctrinal points of view. God never has and never will save or feed His people by debating. God saves His people through the preaching of Christ alone. (I Cor. 1:21) Rather than debate what it means that Christ was made sin for His people, let's declare there is full remission of sins for God's elect because Christ took their sin away by His sacrifice for them. Rather than debate the sovereignty of God, let's declare God, as He has been pleased to reveal Himself in the Bible, who saves whom He will, when He will. Rather than debate when is the moment a man is justified, let's declare there is justification for sinners in Christ.

Debating never blesses anyone because the goal of debating is the glory of the flesh when we think we have proved our point. Preaching Christ always blesses God's people because the goal of true preaching is to glorify Christ. May the Lord be pleased to keep our eyes on the ball.

- Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

LOOKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

It is not good for people to spend their lives seeking God and not finding peace in Him. It is not good that we should be ever learning and never able to rest in the knowledge of Christ. It is not good to be always doubting, and when asked about our doubts to make the untrue excuse, "Oh, I am not doubting God, I am only doubting myself." No! It is God who promised life in Christ, and it is God whom we are doubting. He said, *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I WILL GIVE UNTO HIM THAT IS ATHIRST OF THE FOUNTAIN OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY"* (Rev. 21:6). *"And let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely"* (Rev. 22:17).

Of his promise BONAR wrote, "Thirsty one, it is with the WATER and not the VESSEL that our souls need to be concerned! It is not the quality of your vessel, but the quality of the water of life (Christ Jesus) that satisfies, sanctifies, and purifies! And he whose pride will not allow him to drink from a weak, soiled, and broken vessel (such is the best faith) must die of thirst; and he who puts away the promise of reconciliation because of imperfect faith must die the death." He who says, "I believe the right doctrine, but I don't believe it in the right way; therefore, I can't have peace" is looking totally in the wrong direction and will never find peace.

- 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."

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October 2nd, 2022

Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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