CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Kevin T.

Wed- No service

HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are thankful to have Rick and Denise Warta with us this morning. Rick is pastor of Yuba-Sutter Grace Church in Marysville, CA. He will be bringing the second message today.

- There will be no midweek service this coming Wednesday night. We have so much to be thankful for this year and always! I pray our Lord will be with you and your families this week!

CLOSING HYMN

IT PLEASED GOD

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" - 1 Cor. 1:21

God in His infinite wisdom has devised very simple and ordained means to call out His elect (Rom. 10:13-17). God effectually calls out His sheep through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ (John 10:27). Wherever His people are, whoever they are, God will cross their path with the truth of salvation revealed in Jesus Christ (Acts 8:26-40; 1 Peter 1:23-25; James 1:18).

- Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

PLEASING

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing" - Col. 1:10

The first thoughts most of us have when we read, "*walk worthy,*" or "*pleasing the Lord*" is I must start living better, or I can't possibly walk in such a way as will please the Lord.

Both are wrong thoughts, they are both based upon works, and a false humility. So, preacher, how then can I walk in such a way as is pleasing the Lord?

Walk by faith, walk in love, walk in Christ Jesus as ye received Him, walk in wisdom towards them that are without, walk as the children of light, walk not after the flesh, meaning your fallen nature. All of these are scriptural exhortations to us all; thank God we are not left to ourselves to decide how we are to walk in this world. God gives us His light, and His word which is our guide, and a plain path. By His word we can see the pitfalls and the obstacles that we would stumble over.

"Pleasing the Lord", what in the world does this mean? Pleasing simply means "a preference of the will of others before your own." Don't you prefer God's will before your own? Don't we pray, "Our Father, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"?

Haven't you often prayed and pled with the Lord, "Please don't leave me to myself?"

Don't leave me to my will, keep my will subject to your will. The reason that the way seems hard many times is, because we prefer our will before His Will.

Who wouldn't prefer the will of the Lord to their own will? His will is always right, full of love, goodness, infinite wisdom, and it is always for our good and his glory. Now, don't you want to *"Please the Lord"*?

- Don Bell (Crossville, TN)

When God called us to life the Spirit made us know that our Substitute has delivered us from so great a death by his precious blood. From then until now God has made us know that it is God who has continued to deliver us and shall continue. "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us" (2 Cor 1:10).

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

1 Samuel 16:11

As Samuel made his way to the boy David, Jesse made a wonderful statement which can be applied to our King and Sovereign: "behold, *He keepeth the sheep*". How often have we found this to be true in our own situation and circumstance? Oh, "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." (Ps.27:13), **Kept!** Paul in his journey to Rome, shipwrecked on a small island, bitten by a poisonous snake yet he walked away from that bite; **Kept!** Peter denied his beloved Master and Saviour 3 times, yet Christ redeemed him; **Kept!** My friends, you who are on the edge of trial, hardship or loss, be assured of this immutable truth as it is in Christ Jesus; HE KEEPETH THE SHEEP. So simple, yet so powerful; oh, by His Sovereign grace apply this to your situation at any time you are faltering, falling or apt to forsake your Lord; He keeps, therefore you will be kept!! O such a wide and soft pillow for this sinner's head to rest and repose upon!

- Drew Dietz (Jackson, MO)

CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK

As a sinner saved by grace, through the blood and righteousness of Christ, I have a sure standing on the Rock Christ Jesus. I may slip and fall, trip and stumble all over that Rock because of my sin, but bless God, I cannot fall off of that Rock (apostatize) for that Rock remains the same no matter the changes I go through. My falls have nothing to do with the instability of the Rock I am standing on, for it never changes, "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*" Hebrews 13:8

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

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

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Sunday - 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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