

CALL TO WORSHIP

All Hail The Power #42

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Bob M.

Wed- Mike S.

HYMN

Blessed Redeemer #112

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are thankful to have Marvin Stalnaker here to bring the messages. Marvin is pastor at Katy Baptist Church in Fairmont, WV. He is a long time friend and is made faithful by our Lord.

- John Reeves is scheduled to preach this Wednesday. Pray for them both as the Lord enables you.

CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be The Tie That Binds # 187

HOW TO BE HAPPY

“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”

- John 13:17

Everyone is always seeking ways to make themselves happy. For the believer the way to be happy is simple: humble yourself to serve others. The Savior had just humbled Himself to do the job of the lowest servant and wash the disciple’s feet. Our Lord taught by example that His people are to seek ways to serve one another.

For the believer the way to be happy is not to fuss and fight in order to get my way. For the believer the way of happiness is to give in so that there is peace and unity in the church. For the believer the way of happiness is not getting others to do for me and serve me. For the believer the way of happiness is to find ways to serve others.

This is the lesson our Savior teaches. It is a simple lesson that everyone understands. We do know these things and we will be happy if we do them.

- Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

A COMMON SALVATION

Jude said he gave all diligence and that it was needful to write unto you (that is you and I who read it), to remind us of the common salvation.

Why? There were men that came in and tried to turn brethren from The Lord Jesus Christ to something or someone else.

What is this common salvation? To start, it is called “THE” common salvation. “The” is a definite article. That means we put it in front of a noun when we understand the reader knows exactly what we are referring to.

Jude told us about the common salvation, that every Saint knows exactly of, and The Lord that did it -

*“I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that **the Lord**, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.”*

The Lord saved His people from their sins. This was necessary because He is Holy, and the wages of sin is death. Sin must be punished! We are saved because the Lord Jesus Christ laid down His life for His people – all of them, the same, throughout time and location.

I have spent this week talking with the Lord’s Saints on another continent, from another culture. What do we have in common? They are sinners, saved from themselves, saved from the wrath they rightfully and willfully earned, they were saved by a Great God that preformed all the planning and doing, and they view this God Man, Redeemer, Savior to be none other than their Lord and their God... Now, you who are recipients of the Lord’s Grace in Christ, is there anything different with you? With the Saints of old? With the apostles? With any sinners brought by the Blood out of Egypt? It is The common salvation by THE Lord!

- KBT

Because we need a ‘whole Redemption’; as we need a ‘whole Savior’: I need a full and complete blessedness. One has said: “True blessedness can never come to anyone—until forgiveness has come.” Therefore, I ask all who read this to lay hold of God’s eternal promise in Christ Jesus: “Blessed is the man whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered!” (Psalm 32:1). To be found in Christ’s Righteousness (whole) is to be truly blessed in our Beloved forever and ever Amen.

- Drew Dietz (Jackson, MO)

Someone said, “check your motives”. The closer I look at my motives, the more impure they prove to be. I wish I could serve God with no other thought but His glory. Oh, if love could be my only impulse. If the well-being of others could be my only desire. Sadly, it is not so. My sin is ever before me. We take comfort in knowing that perfect motive is exactly how our Lord always served His Heavenly Father. There is plenty of wood, hay, and stubble in our best efforts. Thanks be to God that the fire of God’s justice burned it all up when it fell on our Sinless Substitute. It is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that makes our imperfect service acceptable to God. For without faith, it is impossible to please God.

- Greg Elmquist (Apopka, FL)

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”

Psalm 116v15

This is certainly true of physical death. But in context, God mortified the psalmist’s sinful flesh. Our deaths through trials are precious in God’s sight. We behold more that God is gracious and righteous to us due to Christ crucified (v5; Heb 12: 11)—the cross is certainly where the death of God’s saints is precious in his sight. God brings us low, makes us simple, setting our affection on Christ above (v6; Col 3: 1-4). Our faith is grown to say, *“Let God be true and every man a liar”* (vv10-11; Rom 3:4). We are made to follow Christ more fully in gratitude, saying, *“What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me”* (v12-19).

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

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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Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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