

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Am His And He Is Mine #56

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Trevor S.

Wed- Cass H.

HYMN

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord #337

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- My family and I thank you for your prayers while we were away. We were so glad to go and serve the brethren there, but what a joy it is to be home!
 - We will have one message next Sunday, the 25th, at 10:30am.
 - Lord willing, we will have a covered dish dinner on Sunday, January 1st. (one message that Sunday also)
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CLOSING HYMN

How Firm A Foundation # 268

Family Member Concerns

All those adopted into God's family should cultivate a continual care and concern for each family member. How can we do this? Look at what the scriptures say:

“Care one for another.” 1 Corinthians 12:25

“Love one another.” John 13:34

“Pray for one another.” James 5:16

“Comfort one another.” 1 Thessalonians 4:18

“Admonish one another.” Romans 15:14

“Edify one another.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

“Be at peace with one another.” Mark 9:50

“Forgive one another.” Ephesians 4:32

- Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

THE GREATEST GIFT EVER GIVEN

“Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

-Galatians 1:4-5

The Gospel is not about the birth of Jesus. The glorious Gospel is about the death and sacrifice of God's precious Son who gave Himself for His elect. Most people spend this Holiday Season buying gifts for one another without ever considering the GREATEST GIFT ever given, Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. God, in Christ gave His perfect righteousness to wretched, wicked and underserving sinners. *“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”* (2 Cor. 9:15)

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

“He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.”

- Psalm 40:2

By doing this for us God created in us a new spirit of compassion toward sinners yet in the pit. It would be absurd to disdainfully look down upon them from above the pit as if we are better or made ourselves to differ. Knowing we could not bring our own selves up out of the pit, it would be mockery to speak down to them or to remotely give them the impression that they have ability to deliver themselves. Instead, Christ's love constrains us to give God our Father and his Son all the glory. We beseech them to repent toward God but we do so by telling them the good news of how God alone delivered us, through the righteousness of his Son alone and the power of the Holy Spirit alone. We beseech them to believe on Christ, but we do so begging God to send the Spirit, bring them out and set their feet on Christ and establish their goings.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

Many years ago, I heard Henry Mahan make several statements in a message he preached. As I sat in the congregation, listening to the message, I could easily have been convinced that he was preaching to no one but me. Like barbed arrows, these five statements pierced my heart. I wrote them down because I hope never to forget them.

1. “We have entirely too many fears for a people to whom the Lord has said, *‘Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.’*”

Why can’t we believe God? Has he not proven himself faithful to us? David heard God’s promise and believed him. His faith in Christ quietened his fears. He said, *“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.”*

2. “We have far too many doubts and fears concerning God’s mercy, love, and grace for a people to whom the Lord has said, *‘Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out...I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish.’*”

3. “We spend entirely too much time grumbling and complaining about our trials and troubles for a people to whom the Lord has said, *‘In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.’*”

4. “We have entirely too much attachment to this world and to this present life for a people who are looking for a city *“whose Builder and Maker is God”* (Heb. 11:8-10).”

5. We have far too much anxiety, care, and fear, far too much concern for earthly, material things for a people to whom the Lord has said, *‘Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things’* (Matt. 6:32).

It is written, *“My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 4:19). Why should I fret when my God has promised to provide? Why should I concern myself about that which God has promised to do?
- Don Fortner

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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