CALL TO WORSHIP

All Hail The Power # 42

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Trevor S.

Wed- Kevin T.

HYMN

What A Friend We Have #354

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We have accepted a quote to replace the flooring in the back room. Lord willing, we will have a work day soon and paint the walls before the flooring goes in. I will keep you posted.

CLOSING HYMN

Yesterday, Today, Forever # 283

"the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them."

- Luke 15v2

Our Lord came to lay down His life for filthy, vile, wretched sinners. And, He does more than let us stay in the same room. He "receiveth" us! He is made one with us!!! How much so? He "eateth with them". He would pick up your half-eaten sandwich and take a bite after you, as a father would his toddler... If you are spiritually dirty, unclean, smell bad, and covered in disease, His receiving you and His eating with you is completely humbling and totally glorious at the same time!

What is it to not bring reproach on the Gospel? What is it for me to "get out of the way"? In great part it means this - following any interaction, any transaction, any conversation with **any** person I have in my daily life – if I invite them to hear God's Word preached, there is no objection they will find in me, my speech, or my actions to prevent them to "come, see a Man". (John 4v29, Heb 12v14)

The Lord must perform this! He must direct our steps, order our thoughts, and turn our tongues – and I earnestly inquire of Him to do so continually! Do you?

- KBT

"The Lord make His face shine upon thee;" [Num 6v25] is our short but sweet text we'll look at today. As we have seen in the preceding verse, The Lord will and is blessing His people for the work our Redeemer accomplished for us on Calvary's tree; And He will keep us as He totally secured salvation eternally for each and every true church member. Now; don't we need this truth directly? His shining face to us-ward is heaven indeed! We are brought low by and by, living in this wretched world; yet we can boldly go to His Sovereign Throne of grace and petition Him always; this my friend, my brothers and sisters is 'shining' upon us with His lovely presence. Hurting, dying, losing? Look upward not horizontally and see beyond a doubt; His face is shining upon us, He's ever for us and not against us (Rom.8:31). Do we fear, do we doubt, do we struggle hard with sin at times? Yes, but remember His promise to you son; believe it daughter; "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings.." (Mal. 4:2). This then, will be a most wonderful shining upon thee.

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Lam. 3:23

We hear much preaching that exhorts us to be faithful stewards of the grace of God, faithful givers, faithful in prayer, worship, and holiness; but our hope of life and eternal glory is not in OUR

faithfulness but in HIS faithfulness! WE WILL BE FAITHFUL by His grace and because He has given us a new heart which DESIRES to walk with Him. But even when we fail, fall, and stumble, HE IS FAITHFUL! He is faithful to His word, to His covenant, and to His Son. This was David's great comfort when he lay dying--not in his faith, his works, nor his service, but in the Lord's faithfulness to His covenant in Christ (II Sam. 23:5).

- Henry Mahan

COMFORTING ASSURANCE

The faith of the child of God, is a manifestation of the love of God for them. Faith is the gift of God to his child, whereby they look to Christ and believe him for all their righteousness. The scriptures say: "Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work" (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17). The hope and faith you have in Christ is the fruit of the life given to each child by the risen Savior. What a comforting assurance.

- Eric Lutter (Nixa, MO)

Some people use "the return of our Lord" to promote fear in the hearts of their hearers, or to promote zeal and works among the indifferent, or to encourage the careless to faithfulness. But the coming of the Lord Jesus is like the return home of a beloved husband, father, or son who has been away; one who is dearly loved, who has never been forgotten for a moment; whose coming is neither unexpected, dreaded nor feared; whose coming is met with joy unspeakable and full of glory. If a person cannot say with the beloved John, "Even so, COME, Lord Jesus," how can he be included among those of whom it is said, "We WAIT for His Son from heaven" (II Thess. 1:10).

- Henry Mahan (1995 Bulletin)

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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Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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