CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah, What A Savior # 127

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Trevor S.

Wed- Kevin T.

HYMN

What A Friend We Have #354

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next week, Lord willing, we will observe His table. April 2nd. Following service there will be covered dish dinner in the back. Bring what you like.

CLOSING HYMN

Praise The Savior #51

Because you belong to God, you have no legitimate concern in this world but to glorify him. Everything you are, everything you own, everything you control, every relationship of your life must be made subservient to the glory of God. We can never give the kind of allegiance to God that we desire in this world. But this is what we strive after, - commitment, complete consecration of our beings to the glory of our God.

- Don Fortner

It is true that all people belong to God, as creatures to their Creator, as property to its owner, as subjects to their ruler. But we who believe belong to God as a child belongs to its father, as a wife to her husband, as a willing bondslave to his master. Ours is an intimate, loving, family relationship with the eternal God.

- Don Fortner

ALMOST OR FULLY PERSUADED

"...almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian". Acts 26:28. Most of the sermons preached from this verse connect the word "almost" with Christian. Almost is an adverb. Adverbs modify verbs. The verb in this statement is "persuaded", not Christian. Agrippa was not saying, he was almost a Christian. He was saying, "I am not fully persuaded". Herein is the difference or us, oh child of God. Being taught of God we are **fully persuaded** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that He is able to keep that which we have committed (entrusted the salvation of our souls) unto Him against that day. If we look at our lives, we are likely to think, maybe I'm just almost a Christian. But when we consider **Whom** we have believed, we say with confidence, "I am **fully** persuaded that what **He** has promised, He is able also to perform." Rom 4:21.

- Greg Elmquist (Apopka, FL)

A LOVELY TRIAL

I want to commit some scripture to my heart and mind and remember/read them often. When the Lord sends us a chastening trial, it is done in love and for a purpose! [Pro 13v24, Heb 12v6, Rom 8v28]. It is for our eternal good and His Glory!

He is not an austere man! [Luke 19v11-27] The Lord does not bop us on the head for no reason. He does not "provoke his children to wrath". He is bringing us up in the nurture and admonition of Himself! He is teaching us something! [Eph 6v4]

I ask the Lord when trials come, "Lord, what are you teaching me in this?" ... I will give you the answer. He is teaching us the Gospel in the trial. Teaching us about His Mercy and Grace. He is exalting Christ in our hearts. He is increasing our Redeemer and decreasing our old nature. [John 3v30]

Romans 5v2-6 is a comfort to me when the seas are raging in my body or mind. Underscore verse 5 – "<u>because</u> the love of God" The tribulation came from love, is in love, and ends in love.

DYING TO SELF

"If any man will deny himself" (Matthew 16:24)

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you don't sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight, but your heart is happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ, **THAT IS DYING TO SELF.**

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take it all in patient, loving silence, *THAT IS DYING TO SELF*.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, and unpunctuality, or any annoyance; when you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, and spiritual insensibility, enduring it as Christ Jesus endured it, *THAT IS DYING TO SELF*.

When you no longer care to hear yourself in conversation, or to record your own works, or itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown, *THAT IS DYING TO SELF*.

When you see your brother prosper and have his needs met, and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and you are in far more desperate circumstance, *THAT IS DYING TO SELF*.

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself, and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart. *THAT IS DYING TO SELF*.

- Bruce Crabtree (New Castle, IN)

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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March 26th, 2023

Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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