

CALL TO WORSHIP

Immortal, Invisible # 34

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun – Mike S.

Wed – Bob M.

HYMN

Nearer, My God, To Thee # 357

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Everyone is invited to our home for Jared's graduation party from 2pm-5pm. Food will be provided.

CLOSING HYMN

I Am Thine, O Lord # 314

FAITH MUST BE TRIED

Faith must be tried because the only way faith can be proven to be true, saving faith in Christ alone is by the trying of our faith. A few years ago a new bridge was built very near my house. When the bridge was nearly completed, I noticed how much testing they did on the bridge. I assume they were testing the concrete and steel of the bridge to make sure it would always handle the volume of the traffic that would be going over it. I felt much safer crossing that bridge after I saw all of the testing that had been done on it. Surely that bridge would hold me too.

In the same way faith must be tried. The trial will be painful for the flesh, but the only way I can know that my house is built on Christ the solid Rock is if my house still stands after the Lord sends strong storms and high waters. The only way I can know that I am not a stony ground hearer is if I still trust Christ during the heat of the day. If I am still trusting Christ alone while I am in the midst of the fiery furnace, then I know that my faith and trust in Christ is genuine. (I Peter 1:7)

- Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

OUR STEPS ARE ORDERED OF THE LORD

What will happen in the days to come? Everything the Lord has wisely decreed in His eternal purpose for us to experience (Rom. 11:36; Eph. 1:11). The Lord gave David these words in Psalm 37:23; *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."* Our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples in their day; *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). The apostle Paul declares that every believer has won the victory of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ forever; *"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 15:57). We can be assured by the word of our blessed God and Saviour; that every promise of God will be fulfilled (Joshua 23:14; 2 Peter 1:3-4); that our gracious Lord will provide for our every need (Phil. 4:19); that He will never leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5-6). As the old writers used to express it; *"The Lord will give us all grace now and glory forever."* We don't know what the future holds but we know who holds the future. (Psalm 31:15).

- Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

- Matthew 5:16

If the light we think we are shining gives man any glory, encourages self praise, or points to our flesh's works in any way, it is not the light of Christ spoken of here. His Light always points to Christ, therefore gives God all the glory. Christ is not declaring we must "do" to shine our light, but that we must declare "it is finished" to our fellow man. This is done by the preaching of His Gospel. This is the good work that glorifies our Father alone, and never draws attention to our flesh!

- Caleb Hickman (Olay, PA)

THE GOSPEL I PREACH

The gospel I preach is the “*gospel of God*” (Romans 1:1). I fear Him and the glory of His name more than I do those to whom I speak. I had rather ruffle YOUR feathers than dishonor His character. I persuade men with a view to His name and glory, knowing He alone can convince, convict, and regenerate dead sinners. I want men and women to believe but I want more the integrity of His name to be maintained. In II Corinthians 5:18-20, it says God has given to us the ministry of reconciliation and that we are therefore ...“*ambassadors for Christ as though GOD did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.*” It is not my purpose to intentionally offend anyone but if someone must be offended, I had rather it be those who hear me than the God who sent me.

- Darvin Pruitt (Lewisville, AR)

JULY 18, 1680

Three days before he was killed at Airmoss because of the gospel he preached, Pastor Richard Cameron preached from Psalm 46 and made this statement: “*Be still and know that I am God.*” This text forbids us to quarrel or murmur against God. All of us need to be afraid of this. Beware of it; for it is a dreadful thing to find fault with God’s dealings with us or to say unto Him, ‘What doest Thou?’ It is a good account of Aaron that when God destroyed his sons, AARON HELD HIS PEACE. Let us then (while we bear the yoke) sit still and keep silence and put our mouth in the dust. God gives no account of His matters to anyone. There are so many things we cannot see through nor understand; but “*the Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*”

- Henry Mahan

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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June 11th, 2023

Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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