### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Beneath The Cross Of Jesus #309** 

# SCRIPTURE READING

Sun - Cass H.

Wed – Kevin T.

### **HYMN**

The Lord's My Shepherd # 293

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Due to the conference in Rescue, we will move next Sunday's service (June 25<sup>th</sup>) to Tuesday night (July 4<sup>th</sup>) when Clay Curtis will be here to preach. David Eddmenson is scheduled to bring the message Wednesday night (July 5<sup>th</sup>). Both services will start at 6:30pm.

# **CLOSING HYMN**

**Christ Receiveth Sinful Men # 199** 

John the Baptist said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3v30). How is that manifested in us?

When I see His faithfulness, I see my unbelief and need.

When I see His righteousness, I see my sinfulness and need.

When I see His love, I see my hostility and need.

When I see His patience, I see my resistance and need.

When I see His forgiveness, I see my levying and need.

Where does that leave me? **Needing Him!** I rejoice then with the Apostle John – "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4v10).

### SAFE IN HIS HANDS

Are you terrified by our own weakness, insufficiency, and sin? Does Satan sometimes whisper in your ear, "you are sinking, you will prove a hypocrite at last, you will soon be mine"? Are you afraid? The Saviour says, "Behold my hands!" These are the hands of our security safety and mercy.

We see this beautifully illustrated in Matthew 14:25-31. When Peter was walking to the Saviour across the calm waters of the early morning, all was well. He felt so good. But when he saw the storm approaching, he was terrified and began to sink. Then he cried, "Lord, save me... And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him.

In this life there are many storms that arise and cause us doubts and fears. The waves are high, and our faith is small. The winds are strong and toss us about so that we stagger. The clouds are heavy, and our guilt weighs us down. We then think that we will surely fail, and that our vessel will be wrecked. But just when we think we are sinking, the Lord Jesus stretches forth His hand and catches us! We hear his voice, and the Spirit quickens our faith and we are brought immediately into the ship. Then all is well regardless of our present circumstances.

Content with beholding His face,
My all to His pleasure resigned;
No changes of season or place,
Would make any change in my mind.
While blessed with a sense of His love,
A palace a toy would appear;
And prisons would palaces prove,
If Jesus would dwell with me there.

Believer did He not say, "I will never leave you nor forsake you"? He has said "I will strengthen thee; yes, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness"! Oh Child of God, you are safe and secure in His hands all the time. For He is both willing and able to keep you from falling.

- Fred Evans (Sellersburg, IN)

### SAFE

It is a very good thing to feel safe. However, it is much better to be safe. April 15, 1912, everyone on the "unsinkable" Titanic felt safe. They were living life as if there was no tomorrow. Tragically, for over 1500 poor souls, there would be no tomorrow. In contrast, the disciples were on a rickety wooden boat crossing the sea of Galilee when suddenly they were in a "great tempest". Fearing they were about to die, they cried out to the Lord who was asleep in the boat. "Lord, save us: we perish". After rebuking them for their fear and lack of faith, He immediately calmed the seas and straightway they were safe on the other side. On one boat, people felt safe but were not. On the other boat, men did not feel safe but were. What made the difference? Who made the difference? If the Lord Jesus Christ is in our boat, we are safe, even when the seas are turbulent. Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Pr. 29:25b. The oceans of this world are full of stately vessels filled with careless souls, oblivious to the destruction that is just below the surface of their shallow religion. Their porters assure the passengers that once you pay your fare, you are guaranteed safe passage to the other side. The truly safe boats are usually small unimpressive vessels of just a few "fellows on the ship". On these little boats the Lord is resting because He has finished His work to pay in full the fare for all on board.

- Greg Elmquist (Apopka, FL)

If there be anything plainly taught in Scripture, it is that the sacrifice of Christ was made for those only who shall eventually be saved by it. If the wisdom of men cannot reconcile this with their views of what is right, let them be prepared to dispute the matter with the Almighty in the Day of Judgment.

- Alexander Carson (c. 1776-1849)

# 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

June 25th, 2023

# **Service Times**

Sunday - 9:45 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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