

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Thou Fount # 17

HYMN

He Leadeth Me # 295

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lord willing, Bro. Angus Fisher will be here **Wednesday, September 20th** and Bro. Frank Tate will be here on **Tuesday, September 26th**.

CLOSING HYMN

Hallelujah, 'Tis Done # 197

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Does that mean that water baptism is necessary for salvation? Was the thief on the cross baptized? No. Was he saved? Yes. That answers that question! So why did the Lord say this? In making that statement He tells us the requirement for baptism: faith! *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”* Only those who believe are to be baptized. Not only does this deny infant baptism, but it says if I went through the ceremony of baptism before I really believed the Gospel, it was not true baptism, but a meaningless religious ritual. The requirement for baptism is faith in Christ. If we believe the Gospel, we are to be baptized!

- Todd Nibert (Lexington, KY)

WHAT HAST THOU DONE? - John 18:35

While on trial, Pilate asked our Lord this question: *“what hast thou done?”* (John 18:35). As I thought of how I might answer the question, my heart began to swell with love for what Christ has done for me. What a Savior! What a Friend! What a Husband! What a glorious King! What has he done? Oh, if I may be so bold as to answer this question for every Believer. I am certain the answer could at the very least, be nothing short of this:

- He answered the call of his Father to redeem his chosen bride.
- He laid aside his glory and enrobed himself with the weakness of this flesh to lay it down for me, a sinner.
- He fulfilled all righteousness saying “it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness” (Matt 3:15). Me Lord? Do you include me? Oh, thank you dear Lord Jesus, thank you!
- He willingly went to the cross to satisfy all my debts.
- He established the Covenant of Grace with his own blood that God may be just to justify Believers in him.
- He obtained my forgiveness.
- He sent his Spirit, who regenerated me and gave me a new nature by which I believe Christ and follow him.
- He reconciled me to Holy God, and removed the enmity that was in me toward him, by nature.
- He called me and preserves me by effectual grace.
- He secured a righteousness for me, and prepared a place for me in his everlasting kingdom, that I may dwell in the presence of the true and living God, forever (Psalm 140:13).
- He promised to return for me, and raise me from the dead to forever be with him.
- He “loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20).

What hast thou done, dear Lord Jesus? Everything! And I am satisfied that you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Thank you for the unspeakable gift of your grace and love for me and every Sinner redeemed by your precious blood.

- Eric Lutter (Nixa, MO)

Psalms 119:71 *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.*

How are afflictions good for me?

1. They conform me to the image of Christ. Need I say more.
2. They turn me to God's word for instructions. They make me teachable. I learn the promises of God by experience.
3. They teach me my dependence on Christ. John 15 *"Without me ye can do nothing."*
4. They teach me my frailty. Ps. 39:4 *"Teach me how frail I am."*
5. They make me compassionate towards others. *"A brother born for adversity."* Proverbs 17:17
6. They wean me from this world and set my heart on things above. Colossians 3:2
7. They make me experience the sufficiency of God's grace. *"My grace is sufficient..."* 2 Corinthians 12:9.
8. They teach me submission. *"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* Luke 11:2
9. They prove and strengthen faith. Every stormy wind that blows makes my faith to be more deeply rooted in Christ.
10. They are the thorns sent by the Rose of Sharon to hedge me in on the path of righteousness.
11. They are divinely ordered by my heavenly Father. Job 23:14 *"For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him."*
12. They prepare me for glory. As Christ went to prepare a place for me, He also prepares me for that place.

Proverbs 6:23-24 *For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, [false religion] from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.*

I have only scratched the surface of how afflictions sent of God are good for me.

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

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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September 10th, 2023

Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM
- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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