

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pass Me Not # 235

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## HYMN

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross # 118

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- To wrap up this year, the brethren in Crossville, TN are having a conference Dec 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. To start the new year, the brethren in Apopka, FL are having a conference Jan 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> (2024).

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## CLOSING HYMN

Look And Live # 195

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At all times let us look away from ourselves to Christ. At all times, let us believe on Christ. At all times, let us trust Christ to do as he promises. At all times, let us declare Christ's word. Christ is Head of the church with all power to work his sovereign will and is doing so in everything that comes to pass.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

## ONE DAY EVERYONE WILL BE PENNILESS

We live in a very wealthy country. Many kings have not had the riches that we have. However, someday every person, even the richest in the world, will be penniless the second they die. However, when the day comes for believers to die the only thing that will matter is their relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. If we have Him, we have true riches, durable riches. *“Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.”* Proverbs 8:18

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

## PUBLIC WORSHIP

Public worship is the public assembly of God's saints, meeting together to worship God publicly through the preaching of the Word, public, prayer, and public praise. Public worship is just as important as private worship. It is so important that Christ Himself gives the promise of His special presence and blessing only to public worship, *“Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst Of them”* (Matt. 18:20). One who says, “I don't need to worship God publicly, I can worship just as well on my own,” is nothing more than a religious hypocrite.

One who does not worship God publicly in reality does not worship God privately either. Public worship, the coming together as a church to hear the Gospel preached, is of utmost importance to the child of God. If a person can willingly and habitually absent himself from public worship, one of two things is true:

(1) He is in a serious, spiritually sick condition. When one is physically sick he loses his appetite for food. When one is spiritually sick he loses his appetite for the Word preached.

(2) He is lost. The true child of God delights in public worship, because true worship does something for him. True worship will draw us closer to Christ in communion, faith, love and obedience. It shows us Christ, it shuts us up to Christ, and it leaves us looking to Christ. If that is not the cause, we have not truly worshipped. God uses public worship to cause us to grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ. It always inspires, increases, and enlarges the faith, submission, and consecration of the believer to Christ. We cannot do without public worship, anymore than we can go without food.

- Todd Nibert (Lexington, KY)

