

CALL TO WORSHIP

How Great Thou Art # 37

HYMN

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord # 337

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CLOSING HYMN

What A Friend We Have In Jesus # 354

A content and peace filled attitude is contagious. A giving and generous spirit is motivating. A thankful and trusting demeanor rubs off on our brethren and stimulates our hearts. With that in mind, doesn't this verse seem much sweeter and more gentle?

*“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth **the countenance** of his friend.” – Pro 27v17*

When the heart has been circumcised by God, it lightens the load of those around them and sharpens “*the countenance*” by pointing us to Christ once more.

WHAT NEEDS HELP?

*“Jesus saith unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou **mine** unbelief.” - Mark 9v23-24*

This man knew and believed his LORD! That “believing” was perfect and good faith – because it was a gift of God. It may have been a small gift (*oh ye of little faith*), but it was faith.

We do not need to polish up, deal with, or improve what God has given us. We desire more faith, more knowledge of Him, more of His felt presence. But what we have already does not need any “help”. (it is HIS faith in us – Gal 2v16) When we have that, it will never be taken away.

What does need “help”, dealt with, done away with, is all of this unbelief we still have. Faith to believe is the Lords that we are given - unbelief is “mine”.

A heart that truly believes the Lord wants Him to get rid of anything that did not come from Him.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

- James 1v17

If God will be gracious to you, he will make Christ more than the Savior of sinners to your understanding. He will make Christ the Savior of you the sinner.

- Eric Lutter (Battlefield, MO)

A long time ago, I heard some religious people say we need to clean up our act by “crucifying ourselves” ... Take some time and consider that. Think through the act of nailing both your feet and both your hands to a cross, of breaking your own legs after securing yourself there, then piercing your own side. It cannot be done physically! Neither can it be done spiritually.

We do not preach or teach from the words of man, but the Word of the Lord. However, many of the children of God have written down what the Lord has taught them. They have sang what they have experienced. We do the same. I thought of the hymn writer Edward Mote (1797-1874). God had taught him something and he wrote about it.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He **then** is all my hope and stay.

To have our souls seemingly surrounded and failing is a good thing. THEN, when all is flooded, Christ is all our hope and stay. He is our Solid Rock! That is a precious thing to be taught!

YOU CAN'T WORSHIP WITHOUT CHRIST

Horatius Boner once said, "There must be an accepted worshipper before there can be acceptable worship." Genesis 4:4 says, "*The Lord had respect UNTO ABLE AND TO HIS OFFERING.*" Here we have accepted worship from an accepted worshipper, who was accepted in the Beloved, who, "*by one offering perfected him.*" My friend, do not even attempt worship without Christ the Lamb of God, our offering.

- Henry Mahan

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“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

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Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM
- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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