

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Thou Fount # 17

HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See # 163

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No services this coming Wednesday. I pray the Lord is pleased to bless the time you have with your families this coming week!

- Only one service the 26th (10:30 AM)

CLOSING HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord! # 388

WHEN IS A SINNER JUSTIFIED?

There has been much debate about this subject, but there doesn't need to be. God's Word makes it clear when sinners are justified.

- God's elect were justified before creation. (Rom. 8:28-30)
- God's elect were justified when Christ shed His blood on Calvary's tree as the sacrifice for the sin of His people. (Rom. 5:9)
- God's elect are justified when they are given faith to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 13:39, Rom. 3:26)
- In heaven, when all of God's elect have been conformed to the image of Christ, we will be justified without any sin ever again in us or around us.

Rather than debate about when sinners are justified, let's spend our time thanking God that He justifies sinners by His grace.

- Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

ARE YOU TAKING PROPER CARE OF YOUR SOUL?

A certain man was told by his barber the all-too-obvious fact that he was losing his hair. Then she asked if he would like to restore his hair with little cost or effort. Of course he did! So she told him to avoid using hair-care products containing a certain ingredient, take daily a certain over-the-counter dietary supplement, and use daily a certain shampoo and conditioner. He began this daily regimen that very day. Results were immediate. His barber saw new hair growth the next time he went for a haircut. Most of his lost hair was eventually restored.

A few years later, his wife asked him if he was still following his daily hair-restoration regimen. He replied that he was not, and asked her why she had asked. She replied that his hair was once again thinning. He immediately remedied that situation!

O that we were as concerned for our souls as we are for our hair! You probably give great care to your hair, and endeavor to preserve it and make it presentable to people. Do you give great care for your soul, and endeavor to preserve it and make it presentable to God?

All the care you give to your hair – and for every other part of your body – will soon enough be for naught. When you die, your body will return to the dust whence it came (Genesis 3:19; Ecclesiastes 3:20). And the sight of it will be grotesque, appealing to no one.

But your soul will return to God who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7), for it is to be judged by Him. If you have not taken proper care to make it presentable to God, He will justly consign you to everlasting punishment and woe. But if your soul is indeed right in His sight, He will bless you with eternal life and bliss.

What measures must you take to preserve your soul forever? I gladly tell you that you may do so with no cost or effort – *no effort* because no work is required on your part, *no cost* because it is freely received. Indeed, it is easier to make your soul presentable to God than it is to make your body presentable to men. “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved*” (Acts 16:30). All who do so “*believe to the saving of the soul*” (Hebrews 10:39).

- Daniel Parks (Great Falls, MT)

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

If my children follow my example, what kind of people will they be? Will they be faithful or unfaithful? Generous or stingy? Content or complaining? If every marriage has mine as its example, will people be happily married? If every church member were just like me, what kind of church would this church be? If every employee were just like me. . . I could go on and on, but the point is “Faith without works is dead.”

A faith that does not manifest itself in every area of my life is not saving faith! The first thing the Lord said to each of the seven churches in Asia was, “I know thy works.” It is our works that prove the reality of our faith. The example we give is what we really are!

- Donnie Bell (Crossville, TN)

THAT I MIGHT RECEIVE MY SIGHT

When a man or woman is born blind it entails much more than just not being able to see. There are things that they can never experience. They cannot know the beautiful colors of the autumn season for the colors red, yellow, orange and green mean nothing to them. They cannot know the beauty of the rising and falling of the sun, for they have never experienced brightness and the fading of it into darkness. Everything is dark!

It is the same with us spiritually. We are born blind. By nature we have never seen the blackness of our sin, the redness of His blood which washes us as white as snow. And we never will unless God gives us eyes to see.

When they brought blind Bartimaeus before the Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord asked him simply, “What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?” The blind beggar desired only one thing. “Lord, that I might receive my sight.” Bartimaeus immediately received his sight. He did not immediately see the sunrise or sunset, but he immediately saw the Son! And He is the One we must see to have true spiritual sight. - David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

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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Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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