CALL TO WORSHIP O For A Thousand Tongues # 46

HYMN

More About Jesus # 326

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Only one service today – 10:30AM

- Lord willing, we will have a meal following services next week (Dec 3^{rd}). Bring what you like.

CLOSING HYMN How Can It Be? # 67

KINDNESS

Kindness is never wrong. Meanness is always wrong! If I am kind to a fallen man, does that mean that I condone his fall? Of course not! It means I know what it is to fall, and I want to help the fallen. Some attempt to excuse their meanness toward others under the guise of loving the truth, maintaining church discipline, and reproving sin. But these things never excuse or condone any lack of kindness. Our danger is being self-righteous to the point of meanness. God give me grace to be kind to sinners like myself. Amen! - Don Fortner

WE ARE THE COMPANY WE KEEP

There is an old saying, "Birds of a feather flock together." If I find my delight in the men of the world, it is because we have much in common, the world. If I find my delight in the saints of God, it is because we have much in common, Jesus Christ. Psalm 16:3 "But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

Christ Jesus was "*raised again for our justification*." (Rom 4: 25) By raising our Redeemer, God the Father testified to all for whom Christ died that Christ was legally discharged, acquitted, and justified and so were all his people in him. In Christ's resurrection, by Christ being received into glory, faith beholds that our sins have been fully taken care of. God has made us complete in Christ and has forgiven us all our sins, accepting us in Christ at his right hand.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

The apostles of Satan are not saloon keepers and drug pushers, but for the most part ordained ministers. Their message may sound very plausible and their aim appears very praiseworthy, yet we read of them as being false apostles of Christ and therefore deceitful workers. No marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

- Scott Richardson

Believing in something doesn't make it true. Believing on something doesn't make it certain. God's Elect do not choose to believe in or on the Lord Jesus Christ. They are made to believe in him as God, and on him as all their hope of eternal life. This is all by his grace, and was never our choice, but His!

- Caleb Hickman (Olay, PA)

SIX SIGNS OF TROUBLE

Every true believer fears the removal of God's presence and power. David prayed, "*Take not thy Spirit from me.*" Paul feared that, "*While preaching to others, I might become a castaway.*" My thoughts are that this condition is manifested in the following ways:

1. We begin to experience no blessing nor benefit from the reading or preaching of the Word. when the Word ceases to convict, rebuke, burn in our heart, and cause me to rejoice in Christ, then God is not speaking to me; for God speaks through his Word.

2. We are in trouble when we feel satisfied with our spiritual progress and become puffed up with knowledge. We become authorities instead of learners; having arrived, our humble spirit is in creed alone, not experience.

3. We can be absent from the fellowship of believers and worship of the Lord without feeling a great loss and an empty heart. A man who can be warmed by his own fire is either dead or dying spiritually.

4. We begin to be critics and find fault with others. the Spirit of God leads a man to feel that he is "*less than the least*," "*chief of sinners*." When the Spirit of God is not present, we become judges and faultfinders.

5. When our souls are not vexed by the sin within us and the conversation of men about us, when we can feel comfortable in the presence of those who never knew our God, when we can conform to the ways of natural men and the trend of materialism, the light of God is dim or extinguished.

6. When our thoughts become self-centered and the general welfare, well-being, and joy of others is of no great concern to us, we are certainly not motivated by the Spirit of God. Selfishness, like self-righteousness, is not of God. The heart filled with God's love and grace dwells on others; to make them happy is to be happy.

- 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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Sunday - 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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