

CALL TO WORSHIP

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HYMN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lord willing, we will have a meal together next Sunday (Jan 7th)

CLOSING HYMN

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A young fellow told me the other day that he believed in the glorious doctrine that Jesus died for a people, not to get a people, but for a people who are already given to Him of the Father (John 6:37, 65). But he said, "If I preached that in my church, it would tear my church into pieces." I said, "Yes, it will tear **your** church into pieces," and I further said, "Young man, I am sick and tired of hearing two-bit preachers call an institution that Jesus gave His blood to purchase theirs; it isn't your Church, son, it belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ. And there isn't any truth in the Bible that will split God's Church. There is not a truth in the Bible that will split a church that was given to the Lord Jesus Christ by the Father." Now I want to be charitable, but we must stand for truth!

- Rolfe Barnard (1904-1969)

GOD Sent Trouble

Whatever trouble God sends to us, we should always set our eyes on God's purpose; which is to teach us to think little of this present life and inspire us to think more about eternal life. For God knows well that we are greatly inclined to love this world by natural instinct. Thus, He uses trouble, which is the best means to draw us back and shake us from our slumber, so that we don't become entirely stuck in the mire of our love for this world.

- John Calvin (1509-1564)

Gracious To Others

When we see the great grace that God has shown to us, we will be gracious to others. If we know something of what He has forgiven us, we will find no difficulty in forgiving others. And if we learn that God has loved us without any merit nor cause on our part (loved the unlovable, one who hated Him), we shall be able to love others even as He has loved us for Christ's sake. The one who cannot do these things has never really seen himself.

- Henry Mahan (1926-2010)

It is hard to say which is worst—the atheist who says, “There is no God,” or the religionist who maintains that God cannot do as He pleases.

- Scott Richardson (1923-2010)

