

CALL TO WORSHIP

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing # 46

HYMN

More About Jesus # 326

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are thankful to have Brother Eric Lutter to preach the Gospel to us this morning! Eric is pastor of Grace Baptist Church of the Ozarks.

- No midweek service this coming Wednesday (26th).

CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be The Tie That Binds # 187

LAST NAME

When a couple gets married, the wife takes her husband's last name. That is now her surname. The reason for this is not to make paperwork easier or to merge bank accounts more smoothly. Paul said, *"this is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and His church"*.

*"For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: **I have surnamed thee**, though thou hast not known me."* – Isa 45v4

What is the believer's last name? (those married to Christ our Kinsman Redeemer) Same as His last name!

*"In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith **she shall be called**, The LORD our righteousness."* – Jer 33v16

- KBT

2 Kings 1: 2: And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick:...

God gave a law (a city code) which required that railing should be put around one's top floor of his house. *"When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence"* (Deut 22: 8) Ahaziah broke the law of God by not putting up stronger railing and it was he who fell.

Adam broke one law of God and fell and brought blood on his house. Therefore, every person needs Christ because we all fell into sin in Adam (Rom 5: 12). We come into this world legally unrighteous before God and spiritually unholy within before God.

Now that Ahaziah sees he has fallen and is sick, if he turned and obeyed God's law, put up stronger railing, could Ahaziah heal himself and put away his offense before God? No. He had already broken God's law, was already fallen and already sick. When a sinner sees his sin, he cannot turn and start trying to keep God's law and thereby heal himself of his sin problem. We cannot cure ourselves by our works. Christ said, *"A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit."* *"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin"* (Rom 3: 20)

Do not miss this point. The old saying is "wrong on the fall, wrong on it all!" We are so guilty and sinful before God by birth that there is nothing we can contribute to our salvation. Christ must do it all! He is both our Righteousness before the law and the Holiness within when Christ is formed in us in the new birth. Now, Christ's grace unto us makes us want to obey God and put up the railing. But if we put up the railing, it does not contribute to the Righteousness and Holiness Christ has already made us. If God marked iniquity in his people it is certain he could find a flaw in our carpentry work. Everyday the law shows us another offense and everyday we flee to Christ for All.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

Hypocrites have no problem establishing a righteousness for themselves. Believers on the other hand, look to Christ for their righteousness. To him they cry for mercy and repentance and his righteousness. *“But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”* (Romans 8:25-26). The hypocrite does his works by the flesh and is not pleasing to God. The Believer is led of the Spirit, walks by faith, in the truth, looking unto their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all their salvation.

- Eric Lutter (Nixa, MO)

The prayer of one who trusts in themselves that they are righteous goes like this. *“God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers or even this publican.”* The repentant child of God prays, “God be merciful to me a (the) sinner, one who is an unjust extortioner, adulterer and publican. Do you remember which one our Lord said “went down to his house justified?” (Luke 18:10-14)

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

WHEN THEY HEARD THIS

Acts 2:37

In this day of darkness, deceit, and religious blindness when the harlot stands beckoning on every corner and in this day when God's witnesses seem to lie dead in the street, there is but one hope for all our children and that is that God will be pleased to send to them the Word of His salvation and make it effectual in their hearts.

- Darwin Pruitt (Lewisville, AR)

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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