

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### O For a Thousand Tongues #46

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next week is the third Sunday, we will have our fellowship lunch immediately following service. All are welcome.

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## HYMN

### I Love to Tell the Story #431

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## MESSAGE - "The Second Coming of Our Lord"

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Bob Miller

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## CLOSING HYMN

### O to Be Like Thee! #316

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**The Lord said OF Nathanael "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile." *John 1:47***

Nathanael was from Galilee. The Galileans were looked down on by the more "sophisticated" Jews of Jerusalem. Nathanael had just played the same game when he held himself up as superior to the despised people of Nazareth. The last thing he said (can any good thing come out of Nazareth?) was testimony of his guile. So how can anyone full of guile like Nathanael stand in the presence of guileless holiness and be declared without guile? They must be an 'Israelite Indeed'. They are not all Israel, which are of Israel. Romans 9:6. If you be In Christ, then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. Whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputed not iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is NO Guile. Though the old man Jacob is still a supplanter and full of guile, the new man created in Christ Jesus is seen by God as a man without guile. May we hear the Savior say OF us; "behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is NO GUILLE."

-pastor Greg Elmquist

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Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

*Colossians 3:2*

## Preach Christ, Not About Him

***"For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (1Corinthians 2:2)***

The tendency of men, if left alone, is to drift further from God; and preachers are no exception. If left alone, they depart from preaching the true gospel of Jesus Christ and begin to major on other things. It was true in the early days of the church. For the first few years after our Lord ascended, Christ was preached; but, gradually preachers and churches began to preach works, ceremony, law, and tradition.

Read the epistles of Corinthians and Galatians. It is no different today. Where can you go and hear Christ preached? Men preach about the gospel and doctrines about Christ, but John called our gospel "the doctrine of Christ," not the doctrine about Christ. It would be easy to give the sum and substance of Paul's message; it was Jesus Christ and him crucified! If you had asked Paul his creed, he would have said, "My creed is Christ." If you had inquired as to his body of divinity, he would have replied, "There is but one body of divinity"—"In him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." To these apostles Christ was not a historical character, a creed, nor a plan of salvation; he was their Lord, real to their minds, the first love of their hearts, who was, is, and is to come—my Lord and my God.

-Henry Mahan

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## Knowing God

How much religion, tradition, and ceremony can a man know and observe and yet not know God? Well, the Jews observed thousands of Passovers yet never saw CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER. They slew thousands of lambs yet never saw CHRIST, THE LAMB OF GOD. They kept thousands of sabbaths yet never knew the rest of CHRIST, OUR SABBATH. They ordained thousands of priests yet never saw CHRIST, THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST. They actually carried the mercy-seat on their shoulders yet never came to CHRIST, OUR MERCY-SEAT. They ate the manna and drank from that Rock, yet never tasted the BREAD AND WATER OF LIFE – CHRIST JESUS. Oh, Lord, open my eyes to see HIM who is all and in all!

-Henry Mahan

## Are You Afraid to Die? Hebrews 2:14-15

Here is a solemn, sobering, serious question. It is a question you might prefer to avoid, but one you cannot avoid. You may suppress it and postpone dealing with it; but you cannot avoid it - Are you afraid to die?

I have watched a lot of men die, some young and some old, some believers and some infidels, some with no hope, some with a false hope, and some with a good hope. I have seen some die in utter terror and some with great comfort, some in brazen blasphemy and defiance, and some with peace and joy. How will it be for you when you come to death's chilly waters?

I know a good many men and women who do everything they can to avoid visiting a rest home, a hospital, or a funeral parlor. They simply cannot face the fact that they, too, must soon die. Even now, the fear of death terrorizes them. I ask of you what Jeremiah asked long ago. – If sickness and death torment you now, “then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?” Are you afraid to die?

The fear of death is a very natural thing to sinful men. And, the fact is, if you are without Christ, you have reason to be afraid. “It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). Soon you and I must die. Because of your sin and guilt before God, you must die. But death will not end your existence. You will stand before a holy, just, and righteous God in judgment. And you will reap the exact penalty due your sin, the infinite, eternal wrath of God in hell (2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Revelation 20:11-15). “This is the second death,” the everlasting death of your soul in hell. It is a torturous death that never dies!

For the believer, however, things are far different. In Hebrews 2:14-15, the Holy Spirit tells us that one great purpose of our Savior's incarnation was that he might destroy Satan and deliver his elect from the fear of death. The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world for this purpose, that he might “deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” You and I who are washed in the blood of Christ and living by faith in him should have no fear of death. Certainly, we must not expect to have dying grace until our time to die has come. Yet we ought not live out our days on this earth clinging to the vanity of mortality and fearing its end. Christ came not only to deliver us from death, but from the very fear of death. He does so by effectually teaching us the gospel, giving us the blessed confidence of faith in himself as our all-sufficient Savior.

-Don Fortner

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O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?  
*1 Cor 15:55-56*

# 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.”  
1Cor 1v23-24*

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Service Times

Sunday - 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."  
Matthew 11:29