

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### This Is My Father's World #39

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- We will enjoy lunch today after service, all are welcome to join us in gospel fellowship.

- Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here on Wednesday, December 4, mark your calendar.

#### HYMN

### My Faith Looks Up to Thee #359

#### MESSAGE - "Brethren"

Psalm 133 - pastor Gabe Stalnaker

#### CLOSING HYMN

### Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #294

#### God's Elect in Public Assembly

Since the days of the apostles I see them. All around the world I see them. Some are Jews and some are Gentiles; some are employers and some employees; some are prosperous and well to do and some are poor and hardly make do; some hold degrees in education and some are scarcely educated at all. Yet I see them on the way to a designated location to meet together. Some come from one direction and some from another; some riding and some walking, but all, with purpose of heart, on the way to the same place to meet together. These people who are so different, in so many ways, what is it that draws them together? Why, it is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. By the Spirit and grace of God, they all have the same problem, the same need, and have all embraced the one and only remedy, the Lord Jesus Christ, their Redeemer-God. They all have one faith, one hope, and one Lord and Savior. They are God's called out ones, the church, and the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are Christians.

- Maurice Montgomery

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*" Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:" - Hebrews 10:24*

## **Our Lord's Prayer for Us - John 17**

*"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou has given me; for they are Thine" – John 17:9*

The prayer of the believer's High Priest is like all His redeeming work, effectual, particular and satisfying to God. The intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of His people is always according to the perfect will of God (John 4:34). Therefore, everything that He prays for shall be accomplished (Isa.46:9-12). Here are at least six things that He prays for every believer. This ought to encourage us greatly.

**1) He prays for our preservation:** *"Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are"* (v.11). There is absolutely no possibility that one of His elect will ever perish (John 6:37-39; John 10:27-30). His covenant (2 Sam.23:5), His word (Jas.1:18) and His atonement (Heb.9:12, 26) are certain guarantees to our complete and everlasting salvation (1 Pet 1:5).

**2) He prays for our jubilation;** *"And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves"* (v.13). Every believer has abundant reasons to always rejoice in the Lord (Phil.3:3). But mainly it is in this, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He is made unto us all that we need to stand before God accepted (Eph.1:6; 1 Cor.1:30).

**3) He prays for our emancipation:** *"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil"* (v.15). Our Lord has set the believer free from the bondage of sin, the curse of the law, the grasp of the devil and the power of death (Gal.5:1).

**4) He prays for our sanctification:** *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth"* (v.17, 19). Our Lord has set Himself apart in the covenant of grace to be the believer's sanctification, through His sacrifices (Eph.5:25-27; Heb.10:14).

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5) He prays for our **unification**: *“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me”* (v.21). No question that our sin has separated us from God (Isa.59:2). However, because of the substitutionary work the Lord did for His elect, we shall be reconciled unto God forever (2 Cor.5:17-21).

6) He prays for our **glorification**: *“Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory”* (v.24). Every time a believer is taken home this prayer is answered (Ps.116; Rom.8:28-30; Rev.5:9-12).

- Pastor Tom Harding

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### Two natures in every believer

In Romans chapter 7 we have two natures identified which are in every believer. One is called “sin that dwelleth in me”, the other is described as wanting to do good, and as not having done the evil that the other does (7:20). One is said to serve the law of God, and the other, the law of sin. Here they are called flesh and spirit. Those who walk after the Spirit are not sinless, because they are still flesh also. But neither does sin have dominion over them, because, by God’s grace and the work of Christ for and in them, they are spirit. Our flesh is still just as wicked as ever it was and always shall be. It never improves. Those who deny the existence of the new nature are forced to attribute worship, love for God, faith and all other graces to an improved flesh, an influenced flesh, but this is just an example of one error leading to another.

We are still flesh, and with that flesh we still serve the law of sin (7:25), and we always will, but thank God, we walk after the Spirit. We do love God, though, because of the flesh, we do not yet love Him as He is worthy to be loved. We worship God, yet, the flesh hinders us in it. We believe while being forced to cry, “Help thou mine unbelief”. We acknowledge our sin, by His grace, but we also praise Him who hath made us free insomuch that we do believe on Him, and “He that believeth on him is not condemned ...” (John 3:18). No condemnation. Hallelujah!

- A W Pink

# San Diego Grace Fellowship

*“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

*Revelation 22:17*

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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