

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### All Hail the Power #42

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- A memorial service for brother Cass Hodson is planned for Wednesday, January 22 at 12 PM. Pastor Rick Warta from Yuba-Sutter Grace Church will bring the message.
  - Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 PM.
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## HYMN

### More About Jesus #326

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## MESSAGE

"We Believe and Are Sure" (John 6:69) - Obie Williams

"Joseph in Potiphar's House" (Gen 39:1-6) - Cody Henson

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## CLOSING HYMN

### Surely Goodness and Mercy #292

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#### Put On the New Man

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." *Ephesians 4:24*

When Paul says put on the new man, he does not mean for us to make ourselves righteous or born again by what we do or don't do. The new birth is the work of God the Holy Spirit alone. Paul means for the believer to live conducting ourselves as someone who has been born again from above. Believers are to conduct themselves like someone who has grace and forgiveness in their hearts. Be loving and faithful husbands and wives. Be wise and loving parents. Be obedient children. Be the best worker on the job. Be a neighbor who is easy to get along with. Be honest in all of your business dealings. Be kind and pleasant to cashiers and waiters and people you meet on the street. We may have sound doctrine in our preaching services, but if our actions do not, "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things" (Titus 2:10), no one will care what we have to say.

- pastor Donnie Bell

#### "David encouraged himself in the LORD his God." (1 Samuel 30:6)

Every child of God needs to learn to encourage himself in the LORD his God. This is true because every child of God will at some time as he goes through this sin cursed world meet with discouragement. David was discouraged because he felt responsible for the loss of not only his family but the families of all of his men. He had led his army away from their camp, leaving them left to be prey for the Amalekites. His men who were loyal to him were so grieved for the loss of their families that they spoke of stoning him.

What does he do in such a sad situation, when he and his men were so discouraged? He turned to the LORD his God to encourage himself. None of us will ever be discouraged because of the things that discouraged David, but there are many other causes which may discourage us. We all face sickness, disappointment, loneliness, being misunderstood by family and friends, and a host of other troubles.

How did he encourage himself in "the LORD his God?"

Did he remind himself of "the tender mercies" of the LORD his God?

Did he remind himself of God's everlasting covenant of grace?

Did he remind himself of the truth: "the LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want?"

Did he remind himself that nothing is impossible for "the LORD his God?"

Did he remind himself that "the LORD his God" is able to bring good out of evil, which He soon did?

We soon read: "David recovered all".

We are not told how David "encouraged himself in the LORD his God", but we do know that there is never a lack of truths in the LORD our God with which we may encourage ourselves.

- pastor David Pledger

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None of us are beyond temptation. None of us are beyond weakness. None of us are beyond sin. There is nothing we would not do, and completely justify ourselves in doing it, if the Lord left us to ourselves for a moment.

- Don Fortner

### **If Baptism Does Not Save, Why is it Important?**

Baptism is a ceremony, and nothing more. There is no saving efficacy in it nor is it a means through which grace is conveyed. But, that does not take away from its importance.

The marriage ceremony does not cause a man and woman to love one another. They love each other before they participated in the marriage ceremony. But if they refuse to participate in the marriage ceremony, and live together without it, they say by that, that they do not love one another enough to be totally committed to one another. This shows how important the marriage ceremony is. There is no true love without it.

Baptism is the same. It does not cause salvation. It speaks of a relationship that was already there before the ceremony. And that relationship was caused by what baptism depicts: Union with Christ. For someone to refuse Baptism is like someone who refuses the marriage covenant and ceremony. That person says by their actions, "I do not love Christ enough to commit to Him." Love like that is not love at all!

Yes, Baptism is important – "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

*-pastor Todd Nibert*

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Now I believe that for the most part, those who have nothing else but a birth 'of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man,' have no doubts nor fears, no strong exercises nor sharp temptations as to their eternal state before God: whilst, on the other hand, those whom the Lord is teaching by the blessed Spirit, are often tried and exercised in their minds whether the feelings which they from time to time inwardly experience spring from a real work of God upon their souls, or whether they are mere counterfeits and imitations of a work of grace. Thus, in God's mysterious providence, those who have every reason to fear have for the most part no fear at all, and those who have no reason whatever to fear, but stand complete in Christ, the objects of God's eternal love, and the sheep for whom Jesus died, are the only persons who are plagued and pestered with the fears that spring from their own unbelieving hearts, and the temptations with which Satan is continually distressing their minds. It is the object of Satan to keep those secure who are safe in his hands... So that whilst those who have no work of grace upon their hearts at all are left secure, and free from doubt and fear, those in whom God is at work are exercised and troubled in their minds, and often cannot really believe that they are the people in whom God takes delight.

*-J.C. Philpot*

# 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*

**January 12, 2024**

### Service Times

Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 AM

Sunday Service - 11:00 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*