

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fairest Lord Jesus! #50

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- April birthdays: Mark Iverson -8th
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HYMN

Tell Me the Old, Old Story #229

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

- Preach the Truth While There's Still Time 2 Timothy 4:2-4
 - Christ, Our Easter Acts 12:4
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CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation #186

The New Nature Tempted

Was the Lord Jesus tempted like I am? How can that be? He was pure, spotless, and holy; but I am full of corruption from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. The Lord of life and glory had a perfect, un-fallen nature, a holy human body, and a holy human soul, taken into union with Deity; but I have a fallen nature, defiled in body and polluted in soul. Can there be a resemblance in our temptations?" I would ask, what is it in you that feels the burden of temptation when Satan injects his blasphemies into your mind? Is there not a something in you which is grieved, I was going to say tortured, by these fiery darts? Is it not the new nature? and is not that nature spotless and holy? Is it not born of God, and therefore as holy as God is holy, and pure as God is pure? Thus just in the same way as your pure and holy nature that is born of God is grieved and distressed by the fiery darts of Satan, so was the holy soul of the Lord Jesus ten thousand times more grieved and tortured by the temptations of Satan presented before his pure and spotless mind.

- J.C. Philpot

The gospel preacher must be obsessed with one thing — Christ crucified! Once a preacher becomes obsessed with anything else, the gospel of God always takes a back seat to make room for his obsession and those who hear him are robbed of the Bread of heaven.

- Don Fortner

In the World

While the religious world is up in arms over recent government policies and Supreme Court decisions. Let us remember two things. First, the “chief of all sinners” has no high ground from which to look down. The publican can never say, “God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men.” If we expect sinners to hear the Gospel they must hear it from a fellow sinner. Believers must never present themselves with a hint of moral superiority if we want to be heard. Second, “There is no power but of God, the powers that be are ordained of God” (Rom. 13:1). One would have to read extra-biblical history to find out about the atrocities committed by the Roman authorities during the first century. And, if you did, you would discover a culture that makes twenty first century America look morally superior. Why did Paul, or any other New Testament writers, never mention it? Because the kingdom of God is not of this world. The real problem with our society and every other society is not to be blamed on the politicians, or the educators, or any other worldly institution. Our surprise ought to be that the Lord restrains them from going farther than they do. The real problem lies squarely in the pulpits. Oh, that God would be pleased to raise up laborers to the harvest. That the Gospel of His free grace in Christ would be preached with clarity, conviction, and compassion from sinners to a dying world of sinners.

-pastor Greg Elmquist (from 2017)

The plan today is to make the church as much like the world as possible, so that unregenerate people will not feel uncomfortable and will be attracted to its ministry! Turn the church into a theater; worship into a musical display; ministers into actors and clowns to amuse and entertain; sermons into political, patriotic, or philosophical essays; and the living God into a good buddy whose attributes are adjustable to any culture or creed. This will attract the flesh and successfully quench the Spirit.

- Scott Richardson (1923-2010)

One of the things that I have learned is hungry people eat, thirsty people drink, and everyone else just picks at it. So it is with the Gospel.

-pastor John Chapman

Trial and Mercy By Fire

In seventeenth century England, the church of England issued an order to all churches called the Act of Uniformity of 1662. All churches must sign an agreement stating that they would abide by the prescribed orders of worship handed down by the government, including prayers, sacraments and other things. Many, many preachers refused to abide by such an order and so were expelled from their churches. There were men we know and esteem highly such as, Owen, Manton, Bunyan, Flavel, Watson, Goodwin, Charnock, Brooks and many others.

Three years later, 1665, the Bubonic Plague (black plague) hit London, England. Over 100,000 people died out of a population of around 480,000. The plague went on for a year until 1666. Then . . . the Great Fire of London hit. That fire destroyed nearly every public building and most homes in London. Hundreds of thousands of people were homeless, but in God's mercy only 6 people died in that fire. However, the black plague was ended by that fire.

Our God is a consuming fire! God has not changed. God still punishes sin. God's judgments have always been the same against idolatry. All of God's wrath and severe punishments of mankind down through time have been for sin and unbelief (idolatry). The same God promises to destroy this idolatrous world someday by fire! But God . . . is rich in mercy. The same God, Who is a consuming fire, put His Son (Himself) on the cross for His people; made Him to be a curse, made Him to be sin for His people, and the fire of God's wrath fell on Him. . . . However, the same fire that fell on Christ, put away the curse and the plague from us . . . the plague called sin. Then, the Lord in mercy sends fiery trials upon all His people, to testify of His grace, to try their faith in the living and true God (whether they will bow to Him or the god(s) of this world), and to wean them from this world which is soon to perish. Thank God for His mercy, thank God for His Truth, thank God for fiery trials.

-pastor Paul Mahan

"For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." *Psalms 100:5*

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 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*