CALL TO WORSHIP Grace Greater Than Our Sin #209

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- May birthdays: Tim Burnett 11th; Lilah McPheeters 30th
- Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here Sunday, June 8.
- The Sovereign Grace Bible Conference at Rescue is scheduled for July 4-6. Scheduled preachers are: Luke Coffey, Eric Floyd, Rick Warta, and Paul Mahan.

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible #34

MESSAGES		-pastor Gabe Stalnaker
•	The Lord Stood With Me	2 Timothy 4:9-18
•	The Blessed Man	Psalm 1

CLOSING HYMN The Sands of Time Are Sinking #509

Grace Alone

Lay before me a code of spiritual laws-and I shall break them; a string of rules-and I shall scatter them; a round of duties-and I shall evade them; directions for my daily walk-and I am sure to wander from them; point to the precepts-and they will prove me perverse time and time again. Men do not need rules to regulate their behavior- they need grace to save, guide, and keep them near the cross of Christ.

-Thomas Bradbury (1677-1759)

There is an advocate and Intercessor always waiting to present the prayers of thousands who come to God through Him. That Advocate is the Lord Jesus Christ. He mingles our prayers with the incense of His own Almighty intercession. Our prayers, as poor as they are in themselves, are mighty and powerful in the hands of our High Priest and Elder Brother. The bank note without a signature at the bottom is nothing but a worthless piece of paper. The stroke of a pen gives it all its value. The prayer of a poor child of Adam is a poor and feeble thing in itself; but once endorsed by the hand of the Lord Jesus, it availeth much.

Colossians 3:11

In the church of God, "Christ is all!" The glory of the church is not her name, her history, or her ordinances, but Christ. The beauty of the church is not her buildings, her numbers, or her reputation, but Christ. The message of the church is not her works, her worth, or her activities, but Christ. In the true church of God, Christ is the head, the Foundation, the Attraction, the Center, the Fulness, and the Glory. "Christ is all!"

In matters of doctrine, "Christ is all." Our creed, our theology is Jesus Christ and him crucified. All that we believe, teach, and preach is Christ. Everything is interpreted in the light of the death which he accomplished at Jerusalem, by which he redeemed his people.

As a rule of life, "Christ is all." Our lives are governed by his life. He is the example we follow. Christ is the law that regulates our motives and our actions. Christ is all to be trusted, all to be desired, all to be worshipped, all to be preached, and all to be honored.

In all matters of comfort, hope, peace, and assurance, "Christ is all." We live by him, upon him, with him, for him, and to him. To all the people of God, Christ is all. Augustine said, "Christ is not valued at all, unless he is valued above all." Is Christ all to you?

-Don Fortner

God is Able

John the Baptist was "filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:15, 41, 44). Our Savior, while on the cross justifying all God's elect, gave the one thief a new heart to ask mercy of our Savior, "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23: 43). Here are two sinners at the most opposite ages, both under conditions that appear to us impossible for them to be given a new spirit to believe on the Lord Jesus, yet both were saved by God. This should give us hope that no matter what condition or age any of God's people are in it is never too early or too late to pray for them and believe God is able. "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1: 37).

-pastor Clay Curtis

Inability

"No man can come to Me, except it were given unto him of My Father," (John 6:65). Notice the word 'can.' It means ability. It could just as easily be translated, "No man is able to come to Me." It does not say, "No man may come." If you have a will to come, you certainly may. Yet, no man has the spiritual ability to come. A lost man may feel guilty concerning many things and even have a measure of conviction. However, a lost man is never convinced of his inability. He holds out hope that he will one day do whatever it is he needs to do to secure his salvation. He does not see his own inability. Yet, when God the Holy Spirit convicts a man of sin, he is made to see that not only his acts are sinful, but he lacks the ability to do anything but sin. Repentance is seen to be as unattainable to him as perfect obedience to the law. It is only when a man is convinced of his own inability that he will cry for mercy. Sovereign mercy is his only hope, because all doors are closed! Only when we have no ability can we see His Almighty ability to save.

-pastor Todd Nibert

Not Forsaking

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." – Hebrews 10:25

Over the years I have watched some people who professed to believe the gospel leave for one reason or another. They have been offended by something said or done to them. The root of the problem is much deeper than being offended; it has more to do with losing one's pretended interest in the gospel. When this happens, pretenders look for excuses to leave. However, true believers have no place to go but to Christ. He is their all in all. "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)

-pastor John Chapman

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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<u>Service Times</u> 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*

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Timothy 1:15