

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come, All Ye Faithful #100

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- July birthdays: Amber Jonilionis - 3rd; Andre Gele - 7th; Gwen Iverson - 23rd
 - Pastor John Reeves is planning to preach here on Wednesday, August 13. Save the date!
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HYMN

Pass Me Not #235

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

- **Preaching** **Titus 1:3**
 - **The Recovery of the Gospel** **Galatians 1:1-10**
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CLOSING HYMN

I've Found a Friend #469

Sovereign Grace

Man's entire apostasy and death in sin, so that he cannot save himself, and God's entire supremacy, so that He saves whom He will, are doctrines exceedingly distasteful to human pride. But they are Scriptural. Why was one thief saved and the other lost? "Even so Father for so it seemed good in Thy sight" (Matt. 11:25-27). God was not bound to save the one and He had power enough to have saved the other, and neither could save himself. What made the difference? The Sovereign grace of God!

- Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

"Lord, make me to know my end and the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am." When we, by God's grace, are wise enough to face death, judgment, and eternity, things are seen in their proper light. All these ideas of fame, fortune, friends, and our so-called importance melt like the frost before the sun. Death reveals the truth, blows away the chaff, shuts a man's mouth, and opens the books! Death takes no notice of what I thought nor what others thought of me, but only what God thinks. "Oh, that I may win Christ and be found in Him."

-Henry Mahan

Two Opposing Kingdoms

Revelation 20:3 reveals that as time progresses to the end, Satan should be loosed a little season from God's restraint to his freedom to deceive the nations concerning the truth of God. This restraint followed Christ's victory at the cross and endured a symbolical (not literal) thousand years. In other words before the end of time there will be a period in which Satan is once more at liberty to deceive the nations concerning the truth of God.

We are not told exactly when or for what duration this little season will endure but I am very inclined to think that we are in it now. The scale of deception concerning the truth of God, his reality, his righteousness, his wrath against sin is unprecedented since Christ's ascension to glory 2,000 years ago. Increasingly world governments and authorities seek global conformity to questionable objectives and any dissent is aggressively attacked and crushed.

We have just experienced a hugely damaging and unscientific response to a relatively mild disease; governments that used to act rationally are now kowtowing to the demands of a young Swedish girl and her hordes of followers to inflict colossal economic damage on their populations in pursuit of saving the earth from the ravages of climate change caused by human activity, all of it without any credible, supporting scientific evidence.

This is the 'kingdom of this world' today; deceived into the wickedness of unbelief by Satan and followed by the masses seeking peace, freedom from disease, increased longevity, material prosperity and indeed their hearts' desires, all at the cost of abandonment of the righteousness and justice of God.

What should believers do in response? Should we rise up in opposition seeking to replace corrupted authorities? No, we should remember that our hope is in God's kingdom. That is where our hearts' desires should be focused (Col 3:2). That kingdom shall come. God has determined it; it shall triumph over Satan's worldly kingdom which shall be judged and righteously cast into everlasting punishment.

Yes, we should stand for truth; yes we should oppose the world's lies with honesty when we are confronted, but the mission of the church of Christ is not to improve this world but to proclaim the kingdom of God.

-pastor Allan Jellett

1 Peter 2: 4-5

"To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Why have you come to the house of the Lord this morning?
Is it to be seen of men so people will know how pious you are?
Have you come to fulfil a social need to see friends?
Have you come because you feel better going through some religious ceremony?

"Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." (Acts 10: 33)

I pray we have come with the same heartfelt need that Cornelius had in Acts 10 when he said, "Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." It very well could be that God will speak to us if we have come needing to hear a word from Him.

-pastor Frank Tate

The trying of the faith of God's saints is good for it proves God's love for them and therefore their sonship (Heb. 12:8). But coupled with the trials suffered by the Lord's people is the realization that the sufferings shall not be forever. Soon their sufferings and sojourning in this life shall give way to the glory of the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world (Matt. 25:34). "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4:17).

- pastor Marvin Stalnaker

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"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*