

CALL TO WORSHIP

How Can It Be? #67

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

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

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord #337

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

- Ordain Elders Titus 1:5
 - Law and Grace Galatians 2
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CLOSING HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee #359

A New Creature

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

-2 Corinthians 5:17

The Lord Jesus Christ does not show blind men how to see. He gives them new eyes and they see Him!

The Lord Jesus Christ does not tell deaf men how to hear. He gives them new ears and they hear Him!

The Lord Jesus Christ does not beg lame men to walk. He gives them new legs and they leap as an hart, and follow Him!

All who are in Christ receive a new mind of repentance toward Him, a new will that bows to Him, a new heart that believes and loves Him. Yes, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature!

- pastor Gabe Stalnaker

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

-John 13:34

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" -Jeremiah 17:9

The sin of our fallen nature is a very mysterious thing. We read of the mystery of iniquity as well the mystery of godliness; and the former has lengths, depths, and breadths as well as the latter; depths which no human plumb-line ever fathomed, and lengths which no mortal measuring line ever spanned. Thus the way in which sin sometimes seems to sleep, and at other times to wake up with renewed strength, it's active, irritable, impatient, restless nature, the many shapes and colours it wears, the filthy holes and puddles in which it grovels, the corners into which it creeps, it's deceitfulness, hypocrisy, craftiness, persuasiveness, intense selfishness, utter recklessness, desperate madness, and insatiable greediness are secrets, painful secrets, only learned by bitter experience.

In the spiritual knowledge of these two mysteries, the mystery of sin and the mystery of salvation, all true religion consists. In the school of experience we are kept, day after day, learning and forgetting these two lessons, being never able to understand them, yet not satisfied unless we know them, pursuing after an acquaintance with them, and finding that they still, like a rainbow, recede from us as fast as we pursue them.

Thus we find realized in our own life and walk those heavenly contradictions, those divine paradoxes, that the wiser we get, the more foolish we become, (1 Cor. 3:18), and the stronger we grow, the weaker we are, (2 Cor. 12:9-10). The more we possess, the less we have, (2 Cor. 6:10), and the more completely bankrupt we are, the more frankly we are forgiven, (Luke 7:42). The more utterly lost we find ourselves, the more perfectly we are saved, (Luke 19:10), and when most like a little child, then are we the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, (Matt. 18:4).

-J. C. Philpot (1802-1869)

Like the Israelites who were bitten by the fiery serpents, because of the judgment of God, were perishing, so all of us were perishing under the sentence of death because of sin. But God graciously provided the remedy. The serpent of brass, having the form of a serpent, but having no poison, was lifted up on a pole for all to see. Everyone who looked upon it was healed. Even so, Jesus Christ came in the likeness of sinful flesh but had no sin. He was lifted up by God upon the cross in the place of sinners. And, behold, every sinner who looks upon Christ with a believing heart is healed!

-pastor Bruce Crabtree

Are You Fearful?

Fear of men, and shame for Christ, will shut our mouths from speaking for His glory, and contract our hearts in the enjoyment of His love. This shame is a bold enemy. This fear is a mighty conqueror. To live in shame, is to walk in terror and die in fear. To live under this fear, is to be shackled by shame, and die his prisoner. What is the only remedy against both? THE TRUTH. That is sufficient to arm us with courage against all the powers of earth and hell, even that Jesus made Himself of no reputation, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God (Heb. 12:2). The view of this amazing love to us, and suffering for us, will excite boldness in us, and drive cowardly shame and dastardly fear from us, while we ever remember what our dear Lord saith: Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed when he cometh into the glory of his Father, with His holy angels (Mark 8:38).

-William Mason (1725-1797)

God's elect worship and serve Him with willing hearts. We willingly believe, willingly worship, willingly give, and willingly do what we can for the glory of God. It is God who, by effectual grace, makes us willing; but we are willing servants of the Most High God! Any worship, service, or gifts offered to God that is not done with a willing heart is an abomination to Him.

— Scott Richardson (1923-2010)

notes

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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*