

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, Holy, Holy #70

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- August birthdays: Bob Miller - 3rd
 - There is a fellowship lunch/pool party planned at the Smith's home following service today. Tacos and refreshments will be served, all are welcome.
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HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory #123

MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

- **Denying God in Works** **Titus 1:15-16**
 - **O Give Thanks to the Lord** **Psalm 107**
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CLOSING HYMN

What a Wonderful Savior! #454

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

The believer is a mystery to others and to himself, also. He is sanctified, yet he feels himself to be the chief of sinners. He loves God's law, yet he wrestles with an inward desire to have his own way. He has great sorrow and heaviness of heart over others, yet he rejoices in the Lord always. His spirit longs to be with Christ, yet his flesh clings to the earth. He knows that he is secure in Christ, yet he examines his faith continually.

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Reasons For Attending Church Services

Based upon the word of God, human nature and from personal experience, I conclude that many people who attend church service are merely RELIGIOUS. The Lord said to a group of religious folk, "Well hath Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites as it is written these people draweth nigh unto Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me."

I believe most people are religious for gain, duty, habit, social contacts, and a number of other reasons. But true believers attend church services because they are in love with and desire to worship and become better acquainted with a PERSON - THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

The true believer (one who knows, worship, loves, trusts, and follows Jesus Christ) comes to the house of God with a real desire to worship (praise and thank) his God and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a PERSON who draws him to the worship service, and that is just what he does- WORSHIP! The religious need to be entertained during the services and impressed by religious surroundings, but believers need only to hear God Word preached, pray and sing His praises. In fact, the simpler the service and the more preaching of CHRIST, the better the believer likes it, for it is Christ he has come to hear and worship

-Henry Mahan

Men Need Christ

People think the world would be a better place if we could just put men in a better environment. They think there would be less crime if the government would provide for all of their needs. They think there would be fewer people on drugs if everyone were in a situation where they felt loved and appreciated. They think we would have peaceful home lives if everyone weren't under so much pressure.

They couldn't be more wrong. Man's problem is not his environment. Man's problem is his nature. Adam was in a perfect environment where everything was provided for him and he had the friendship of God. Yet Adam still sinned. The problem with our environment is that Adam's sin has put nature under the curse of sin. Man does not need a better environment. Men need Christ to be our Savior! Men need God to move in grace and give us a new heart and a new nature in the new birth!

-pastor Frank Tate

Love and Justice

Someone may ask, "How could a loving God send someone to hell?"

God has never, nor will He ever, send anyone He loves to hell. The problem with that question is twofold. First, it assumes God loves everyone. That simply is not true. There is no sense in which God loves everyone. His love is perfectly holy, eternal, and immutable. *"I am the Lord and I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed"* (Mal. 3:6). *"I have loved thee with an everlasting love"* (Jer. 31:3). His love is particular for His elect. *"Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated"* (Rom. 9:13). Most important, His love is only found in Christ. *"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 8:39).

The second problem with that question is that it ignores God's justice. Truth is, a loving God would never send someone to hell, but a JUST God will and must. *"He will by no means clear the guilty"* (Ex. 34:7). His justice must be satisfied. *"Herein is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins"* (1 John 4:10).

- pastor Greg Elmquist

Some translations translate, *"Esau have I hated"* as, *"Esau have I loved less."* Can an infinite God love less?

- pastor Todd Nibert

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*