

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### And Can It Be That I Should Gain? #44

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here this Wednesday, September 10, at our regular mid-week service. We will enjoy refreshments following the service.
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#### HYMN

#### Beneath the Cross of Jesus #309

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#### MESSAGES

-pastor Gabe Stalnaker

- The Blessed Hope                      Titus 2:11-15
  - Questions and Answers              John 17
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#### CLOSING HYMN

#### At the Cross #129

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##### Let There Be Light

"God Said, Let There Be Light, And There Was Light." (Genesis 1:3) Before we knew Christ we were like the earth before God said, "Let there be Light". We were without the image of Christ within and without. We were void of the life of Christ. We were in spiritual darkness and death. There was no hope that we would be otherwise had not God said, "Let there be Light". The "Light" that God hath shined in our hearts is none other than the Lamb who is the "Light", and He who dwells in the midst of the throne of God. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Light and Life of every believer. "For God, who commanded the Light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2Cor 4:6)

-Tommy Robbins (1948-2011)

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This week I was speaking with a brother when all of a sudden it came over me what an invaluable gift God has given us to have spiritual discernment of God's word and to believe on the Lord Jesus. There was a time when the Bible did not make any sense to us. It appeared to contradict itself. But by God's grace making Christ Wisdom unto us, God gave us the key that unlocks the scripture. He turned us from reading the word to see what we must do, to reading it to behold what Christ has finished on our behalf. What a gift to believe on the Lord Jesus!

-pastor Clay Curtis

## Free Will: Salvation by Works

To the great majority of people free will is a given. Your destiny is determined by the choice you make. If that is true than man's free will is sovereign over God's will, man is not dead in sins, and salvation is by works. After all, the will is the first step in what you do or stop doing in order to be saved. Free will is a denial of salvation by grace! Free will is nonexistent! The will is controlled by the nature. God's will is controlled by His nature. He is not free to sin or to act contrary to any of His attributes! Man's will is controlled by his sinful nature. Free will is the lie of the devil that he used to tempt Adam and Eve. He was saying that if they would eat the fruit they would know good and evil, choose the good over the evil, and that would make them like God. Salvation comes either as an act of man's free will or God's free grace. These two views oppose one another. It cannot be both! To hold to one is to deny the other. There is no middle ground.

-pastor Todd Nibert

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##### Unto Him

*"Let us go unto him without the camp." (Hebrews 13:13)*

The key words in this verse are unto him. It is possible to go without the camp and be no better off than we were before. We can leave organized religion, we can shun the ceremonies, we can separate ourselves from the world, we can become sanctimonious hermits and still be in the gall of bitterness unless we go unto him. Christ is our sin-offering, our sanctification, and our hope of redemption. Where he is, there we must be. Whether in the camp or without the camp, let us go forth therefore unto him. In his shame and reproach, he suffered without the camp. In order to sanctify us with his blood and to fulfill the type of himself in Leviticus 16:15-17, Christ was crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. So, being one with him, we leave the camp of ceremonialism, legalism, human works, worldliness, or whatever to walk with our Lord. Whatever shame or reproach we incur from the natural or the religious world is welcomed if it is because of our union with Christ. We find our joy and happiness in him. The world and everything in it are unstable and temporary. The riches, honor, pleasures, and people of this world and the fashion of it pass away. Though we are in this world, we are not of it. When the will of God is done, we shall be taken out of this world to heaven where all is peace and perfect love!

-Henry Mahan

## Miracles and Forgiveness

*Jesus .... answering said unto them, "What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? Luke 5:22,23*

If we had seen the miracles performed by Jesus and then by the Apostles in the years after Christ's ascension, we would have been truly amazed. People are so easily impressed with tangible, unusual, things always seeking after a miraculous sign (Matt 16:4). Think how the world would go mad for a miracle cure for coronavirus right now.

But how much more impressive, how much more needed, is the miracle of grace that enables God to forgive sins justly. When we come to that unavoidable appointment that we all have with death and judgment (Heb 9:27), to be assured that our sins are forgiven, that they are removed from the charge sheet against us because of the redemption that Christ has accomplished for his people, that will be far more precious to us than any physical miracle we might have witnessed in life.

*-pastor Allan Jellett (from 2020)*

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*"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."*

*Luke 23:42-43*

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# 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*

**September 7, 2025**

### 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*