

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Immortal, Invisible #34

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- December birthdays: Audrina Jonilionis 9<sup>th</sup>; Sadie McPheeters 15<sup>th</sup>; Matt Skiffington 19<sup>th</sup>; Caid McPheeters 20<sup>th</sup>
- Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here this Wednesday evening at our regular time. We plan to have pizza and refreshments following the service.

#### HYMN

### Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken #185

#### MESSAGES

• Not In Us, But In Him	-pastor Gabe Stalnaker
• Wait, I Say, On the Lord	Psalm 33:20-22
	Psalm 27

#### CLOSING HYMN

### In Christ There Is No East or West #417

“It shall be well with the righteous — Isaiah 3:10

In spiritual things. . . all your temptations, all your darkness, your wanderings . . . God will overrule! It shall be well with you, believer. There shall never be a night, but that morning shall come; there shall never be a day of trouble, but a day of prosperity shall follow; there shall never be an emptying, but there shall be a filling; there shall never be a bringing down, but that He will raise you up again. Let it be either darkness or light, sorrow or grief, night of day, life or death, time or eternity, “it shall be well with the righteous.”

*-Scott Richardson (1923-2010)*

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The distressing, deep-seated evil of the old man in us and the relentless warring of the flesh against the spirit are instruments by which God the Holy Ghost graciously weans us from trusting in ourselves, makes Christ more precious, and causes us to look away from self to Christ alone as all our Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption.

*-Don Fortner (1950-2010)*

#### Substitution

Proverbs 17:15

*“He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.”*

God detests and finds abominable (loathsome) any who would justify (clear, vindicate, excuse) the sin of the wicked. God equally detests and abhors any who would condemn one who is innocent of sin and evil doing. Let me tell you why that is so important to understand. God does not just flippantly forgive His people’s sin. “The Lord God will by no means clear the guilty.” (Exodus 34:6-7) He can’t do so and remain just. “The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:20) The guilty soul must die because a “Just God” cannot clear the guilty soul without compromising His justice.

This is what makes “substitution” so beautiful in the eyes of a believing sinner. The sin of the elect has been put on Christ. He (the Lord Jesus) who knew no sin was MADE (to be) SIN for us. (2 Corinthians 5:21) Christ who was perfectly righteous and perfectly holy in God’s sight was made to be sin for us, and God punished Christ for that sin that was found on Him. God did not just sweep our sin under a rug and pretend it did not exist. God’s justice extracted full payment for all the sin of all God’s elect throughout all time. The holy wrath, judgment, and justice of God was exhausted on the Lord Jesus Christ and payment IN FULL was made to the justice of God. God didn’t “justify the wicked.” To do so would be an abomination. Christ became guilty with the sin of those that the Father gave Him to redeem before the foundation of the world. The sin of the elect was paid for, put away and done away with. It does not exist. (Ephesians 1:4)

At the same time, God didn’t unjustly condemn Christ the “Just One.” He really was made guilty by the taking of His people’s sin upon Himself. Our Lord was condemned because Christ truly was guilty. Therefore, God was “just and righteous” in punishing Christ for sin. The sin of God’s chosen was really put upon Him, and is no longer found on the elect sinner. God is not unjust in sparing the chosen sinner. Why? They have no sin. Christ took it and in return made His people the righteousness of God in Him. Because of that God is both “Just and Justifier” of them which believe in Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:26) God is both a “just God and a Savior.” (Isaiah 45:21) Truly in Christ, God did for His people what they could not do for themselves. That is why Christ and Him crucified is our Gospel message!

*-pastor David Eddmenson*

## Comfort In Trouble

Being a believer in Jesus Christ and resting in His good providence does not exempt us from trouble, trial, sorrow and heartache in this life. Our Lord said, "In this world you shall have tribulation." (John 16:33) But here is our comfort and help, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1) Our blessed Lord said, "Come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

Our gracious God has promised wisdom to understand the trial. (James 1:5) Grace to endure and bear the trial. (2 Corinthians 12:9) Faith to trust and believe God through the trial. (Romans 4:19-20) Peace to rest in His purpose, knowing that this trial works to our eternal good (Romans 8:28-35). Hope to rejoice in our Lord and Saviour, Who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5) Surely, we must conclude that we are needy and sinful creatures and that the Lord Jesus Christ is our only resource of help and hope! (Philippians 4:19).

*-pastor Tom Harding*

*“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”*

Romans 8:31-33

## Notes:

# 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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## 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*