

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? #110

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- February birthdays: Thomas Carlyle 5<sup>th</sup> ; Roseanna McPheeters 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Pastor Larry Criss of Fairmont Grace Church in Sylacauga, Alabama is scheduled to preach here on Sunday, March 15.
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#### HYMN

### Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord #337

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#### MESSAGES

- **For Whom Did Christ Die?** Romans 5:6-8 - pastor Eric Floyd
  - **Behold the Blood of the Covenant** Exodus 24 - pastor John Chapman
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#### CLOSING HYMN

### Surely Goodness and Mercy #292

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Faith... is not life giving, but proof of life. Faith is not a work for salvation, but a work of salvation. Faith is not what saves us but is certain proof God has saved us. Faith is not a condition we meet, but the condition God's Spirit puts in us to, "Make us meet" (Col. 1:12). Is all this important? Do we split theological hairs here? NO! For the Glory of God is at stake! That other (false) gospel says faith is man's work, man's will. But no, faith is, "Not of yourselves, but the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). Faith is, "According to the working of His mighty power" (Eph. 1:19). Therefore, it is, "To the praise of the glory of His grace" (Eph. 1:6) ... and not rather, "To the praise of our faith."

- pastor Paul Mahan

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The Christian religion excludes all gods but Jehovah. It excludes all saviors but the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is a free and sovereign grace offered by God alone; human merit or effort plays no role in receiving it. That is why the door to salvation is open to anyone who has a mind to walk through it.

- Joe Terrell (1955-2024)

*"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." - 1 Timothy 1:15*

Several years ago, my dear friend, Don Bell, preached a message from the above text that, to this day, I have not forgotten. His two points were very simple: I am a great sinner, and Jesus Christ is a great Savior. Brother Don made the point that these are two things we learn over and over in our Christian life - we never get past them.

I asked brother Scott Richardson, not long before he died, if things had gotten easier as he had gotten older. Did his struggle with self and sin get easier etc. He said, "Not with me it hasn't." Scott was still learning what brother Don Bell had preached in that message - 'I am a great sinner.' Scott told us all something else, "As I am convinced that I am a sinner, it gives me more reason to look to the one who is the Savior of sinners."

I am seventy-three years old. I have been on this way for over fifty years. Sin and sense molest me as much now, if not more, as it did when I first began; I am as great a sinner in my own eyes now as I have ever been. And yet I have never experienced more of the peace of God, and the joy of the Lord than I do now. It seems to me that the good hope my gracious God gave me fifty years ago is almost ready to be realized. And my hope is simply this, "That Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners." He saves them by his living and dying and living again. And where He is I soon hope to be. And when I am there, I will do what I long to do here but have never been able: To worship him with undimmed eyes and an un-sinning heart.

John Newton said, "When I was young, I was sure of many things. But now that I am old, there are only two things of which I am sure: One is that I am a miserable sinner! The second is that Christ is an all sufficient Savior! He is well taught who learns these two lessons.

-pastor Bruce Crabtree

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God's saints love the doctrine of God. But eternal life is not in knowing doctrine. It is having the Son. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5: 11-12).

- pastor Clay Curtis

