

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace Greater Than Our Sin #209

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- May birthdays: Tim Burnett 11th ; Lilah McPheeters 30th
 - Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here Sunday, May 24. Mark your calendar and invite a friend!
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HYMN

Look and Live #195

MESSAGES

—pastor Gabe Stalnaker

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CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation #268

A Present Salvation

“Behold, now is the day of salvation.” – 2 Corinthians 6:2

Yesterday is gone. We do not have the promise of tomorrow. NOW is all we have. I know that I cannot save anyone. I know that you cannot save yourself. However, the Gospel is preached for a verdict. I pray that we would be blessed of God TODAY to see the beauty of Christ and all that is in him for sinners such as ourselves.

— Tommy Robbins (1948–2011)

Exclusive And Inclusive

“No man cometh to the Father but by Me.” This is an utterly exclusive statement. The Lord excludes all other ways. This being true, nothing can be admitted that is contrary to it. This could not be true if there is some other way. He is the way that excludes, negates, and denies all other ways. “Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” This is an utterly inclusive statement. No matter your condition or state, if you come to Him there is no reason whatsoever that you will be cast out. The Gospel is not preached if it is not preached in both its exclusive and its inclusive nature.

—pastor Todd Nibert

Fear Not Thou Worm

“Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.”
(Isaiah 41:14)

The word worm that is used here means a maggot. Every son of Adam can be called a maggot (although in truth, we are much more disgusting than a maggot). Maggots are small and seemingly pretty helpless, but the Lord tells His people, who are sinful maggots by nature, not to fear. We are helpless, but our Redeemer has promised to help us in every trouble.

The greatest reason for a sinful maggot to not fear is Christ our Redeemer. Psalm 22:6 says “But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.” These are the words of Christ from the cross. The word worm that is used here is the same word Isaiah used in Isaiah 41: a maggot. The Lord Jesus Christ became what His people are so that He could be their great substitute. If Christ my Savior sunk to such depths to save me, I know I have nothing to fear because He will never let His humiliation and suffering go to waste.

—pastor Frank Tate

The Guests of the Feast

“But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind” (Luke 14:13).

The preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is likened to making a feast for men. And the Lord tells us who to call to such a feast. He tells us to so preach Christ that the ones bidden to the meal are “the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind” (Luke 14:13). The “poor” are those who are poor in spirit, having no righteousness of their own. The “maimed” are crippled by the sinful infirmities of their flesh. The “lame” have not the strength to add anything to God. The “blind” are in darkness to the things of God. Yet, our Lord tells us to so preach Christ so as to call these persons to the feast. These sinful people may feed upon Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life, who brings us to the Father. When you find a sinner, urge them to the supper of Christ. Compel them to come to Christ. Preach our Lord and Savior so that they know who the only Savior of Sinners is.

—pastor Eric Lutter

