

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, Our Help in Ages Past #10

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- August birthdays: Bob Miller 3rd;
Anniversaries: Bob and Vickie Miller 2nd
 - Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here on Sunday, August 23. Mark your calendar and invite a friend!
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HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart #171

MESSAGES

—pastor Gabe Stalnaker

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CLOSING HYMN

My Savior's Love #452

The Knowledge of Christ Jesus – Philippians 3:8

There are many things I do not know, but those things will not determine where I spend eternity. The one thing that determines that is whether I know Jesus Christ or not. I can be ignorant of much and still be saved, but I cannot be ignorant of Jesus Christ without being lost forever. Jesus Christ is the One and only Savior and without Him, there is no Savior. I hear folks talk about how much a sinner must know to be saved. This is the issue: "Do I know Christ?" If I don't, nothing else I know or experienced matters at all. Oh, that I might know Him!

—pastor Larry Criss

Noah was called a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5). For over a hundred years he preached a holy and righteous God, and Christ the sinner's only righteousness. Think about it. He preached 100 years without one convert . . . not one! Not one person came into that ark, except his family. But then. . . Imagine how grateful Noah was for those 7 souls, his family. I'll bet Noah continued preaching afterward . . . to just 7 souls. And he was mighty thankful for his little congregation.

—pastor Paul Mahan

Where is the Fear of God Today?

Where is the fear of God today? Is this not what is wrong with us? Is not this the whole story? This present generation is so taken up with the idea of our own importance and so occupied with the dignity of man, that we no longer fear God, if we ever feared Him. We are presumptuous, self-willed, unruly and dying a slow but sure death, and on the verge of complete ruin.

If there is one word that describes this generation of religious people, it is "irreverence." Sophistication will yet kill this present generation. Men "go to church" today to patronize God, not to worship God. The majority of "church-going" people, judging from their attitude, believe that in "attending church", they are conferring a great honor upon God. "Church attendance" is an excuse for a fashion parade and a show of pride. Men "go to church" to be entertained and amused. They insist that the preacher be a good mixer, entertainer, actor, and pulpit clown. The preacher who dares to declare the gospel of Christ is one thought of as one being hopelessly out of date.

I hear everywhere I go this statement, "He sounds like an old country preacher," whatever that means. Read through the whole sermon in Acts 2; there is nothing in it but the Word of God, not one thing except the Scripture. How embarrassing this man would be to this generation; he would be considered odd. He didn't even have on a clerical robe. What did he preach? The sovereignty of God, the Lordship of Christ, and salvation by grace. By modern standards, this was a bad sermon; this man preached Divine election. The cry of this religious generation is that you must not preach election—you will confuse sinners. How are you going to confuse sinners when they are already confused? They are dead to God. The result of the preaching in Acts 2 resulted in God calling some, maybe enough to try preaching this way.

—Scott Richardson (1923-2010)

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

—Acts 2:37-39

Leave Them Alone!

You don't have to teach a drowning man what to say. We preach the Gospel and the Holy Ghost will be left to work in men's hearts. There's no pressure, no persuasion, no psychology to get professions or joiners by decisions. The preacher will preach the Gospel; he will preach the Word of God and will leave people alone. They will leave them in the hands of the Holy Spirit. Coming to Christ is not moving your feet down an aisle; coming to Christ is in loving Him and believing Him with your whole heart. Oh my soul! People will return to their homes after that kind of service and preaching, and they return rejoicing. They return with anticipation, waiting to come back to meet with you, at the feet of Christ.

— Henry Mahan (1926-2019)

Charity vaunteth not itself – 1 Corinthians 13:4

When Love became incarnate our Redeemer did not put on a show "but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:7-8). The love of God in the heart makes Christ's people try to be as unnoticed as possible while they preach and serve their brethren.

—pastor Clay Curtis

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*