

## OPENING HYMN #36

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are pleased to welcome brother Cody Henson once again. Cody is here from Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church in Tennessee.
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 111

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## WORSHIP HYMN #354

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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## OFFERING

There is a box on the back wall for your offering to support the continued ministry of the gospel here in San Diego.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” *2 Cor 9:7*

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## WORSHIP HYMN #175

Standing on the Promises

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## MESSAGE

JOSEPH, A PICTURE OF CHRIST

GENESIS 37:3 - 45:28

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## CLOSING HYMN #228

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

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## THINGS TO PONDER

### Man Will Not and He Cannot

How perversely man *reverses* the order of God's truth. They urge dead sinners to come to Christ, supposing they have the power of will to do so. Whereas Christ has plainly and emphatically stated that "No man *can* come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). "Coming to Christ" is the affections of the heart being drawn out towards Him, and how can a person love one he knows not? See John 4:10. Ah, it is the Spirit who must bring Christ to me, reveal Him to me, before I can truly know Him. "Coming to Christ" is an *inward* and *spiritual* act, not an outward and natural one. Truly, "The natural man receiveth *not* the things of the Spirit of God; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14). We cannot so much as "see" Christ until we are born again (John 3:3).

-Arthur W. Pink

**"What, then, is the new birth?** It is not the removal of anything from the sinner nor the changing of anything physical or fleshly in the sinner; instead, it is the communication of SOMETHING NEW to the sinner. The new birth is the impartation of a NEW NATURE. When we were born the first time, we received from our parents their nature; so when we are born again, we receive from God His nature. The Spirit of God begets within us a spiritual nature (Gal. 5:17; 2 Peter 1:4). That which is born of man is human; that which is born of God is divine and spiritual. Nicodemus was startled. He was amazed at the Saviour's words. Yet he ought not to have been. Man by birth and nature is blind and opposed to the things of God. No amount of religious training can change this evil nature. His chief need is a NEW NATURE, or to be BORN AGAIN. It is a must! A man must have a spiritual nature before he can understand, enter, or enjoy the kingdom of God."

-Pastor Henry Mahan

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### When the Holy Spirit preaches the gospel

We often know the theory of the gospel,  
before we know the experience of the gospel.

We often receive the doctrines of grace into  
our judgment, before we receive the grace of  
the doctrines into our soul.

We therefore need to be . . .  
brought down,  
humbled,  
tried,  
stripped of every prop;  
that the gospel may be to us . . .  
more than a sound,  
more than a name,  
more than a theory,  
more than a doctrine,  
more than a system,  
more than a creed;  
that it may be . . .  
soul enjoyment,  
soul blessing,  
and soul salvation.

When the Holy Spirit preaches the gospel  
to the poor in spirit, the humbled, stripped,  
and tried--it is a gospel of glad tidings indeed  
to the sinner's broken heart.

-J.C.Philpot 1802-1869

## One Medicine for the soul

What if there was a doctor that prescribed the exact same medication for every one of his patients? It didn't matter if you had a broken leg, heart disease, were blind, or had terminal cancer. This doctor always gave every person the same medicine. Your first reaction might be that this doctor was not very capable. He obviously didn't understand the complexity of the human body. You would not trust such a doctor with your health. Now, what if every patient that took this doctor's prescription was healed, regardless of their situation? Immediately, your attention has shifted from all thoughts and concerns for the doctor to this amazing miracle drug. What is it? How can I get some? What does it cost? Then, you find out that it is absolutely free –

You see it really doesn't matter how sin has manifested itself in your life. Its outward effects differ for each of us. Unbelief is the sin that doth so easily besets us all, and it remains the same for us all. The one and only cure for our sin sick soul is the Balm in Gilead, Jer. 8:22. The leaves on the Tree of Life are the only medicine for our souls, Ez. 47:12.

A doctor once told me that ninety percent of medicine is treating the symptoms until the body heals itself. Make the patient as comfortable as possible while the good living cells multiply and the bad cells die. Man-made religion operates on the same philosophy. Man thinks his sin problem is that which manifest itself outwardly. So he goes about treating symptoms, not knowing that the real problem is unbelief. The sin sick soul cannot heal itself. There is no part of it that is good or alive. It is completely dead. It doesn't need reformation, it needs regeneration, and that is a miracle of grace that only God can do.

Don't look, even in the Bible, for precepts to address the symptoms of sin. Look unto Jesus the author and finisher of your faith. His glorious person and accomplished work is sufficient for every need. Where sin abounds, grace does much more abound, and grace comes through faith. Oh Lord, increase our faith.

*-Pastor Greg Elmquist*

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**Sunday February 4, 2018**

**“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.”**

*Rev 22:17*



**“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1Cor 8:6**