

## OPENING HYMN #53

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The messages from last week's meeting with Kevin Thacker are uploaded on Sermon Audio. You can reach these and more messages from our web page at [www.sandiegograce.com](http://www.sandiegograce.com).
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 13:2-24

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## WORSHIP HYMN #318

I Need Thee Every Hour

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## OFFERING

“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 #214

I Am Thine, O Lord

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## MESSAGE

**A FALLEN SAINT AND HIS FAITHFUL GOD    2 SAMUEL 11:15 -12:25**

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## CLOSING HYMN #488

My Redeemer

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## THINGS TO PONDER

Much of today's preaching has to do with making Christ our savior. If God is pleased to save us, it will be God the Father who made Him our Saviour. It is God who made Christ to be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption (I Corinthians 1:30). I do not make Christ to be anything: however God the Father made Him to be everything to His people; Christ is our all in all by the power and purpose of God (Colossians 3:11).

*-pastor John Chapman*

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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 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.

*-pastor Don Fortner*

## Faith as a Rule of Life

Paul says, “He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him;” then faith must be the rule of his coming. “We have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; then faith is the rule of our approach to God. “The just shall live by his faith;” then faith is the just man's rule of life. “We walk by faith, not by sight;” then faith is our rule of walk. “Thou standest by faith,” says Paul; then faith is the rule of the believer's standing. “Whatever ye shall ask believing, ye shall receive,” says Christ; then faith is the rule of that branch of worship. By faith Enoch had this testimony, that he pleased God; “but without faith it is impossible to please Him;” then faith is a rule that God approves of, and is pleased with. “Whatsoever is not of faith is sin;” then faith is a perfect rule of holiness. “All that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses;” then faith is our rule of righteousness. It is by faith we overcome the world to lay hold on eternal life, is to fight the good fight of faith, according to Paul; “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith;” then faith was the rule of his warfare, and the rule of his race, and it was the grace of God that made Paul obedient to that rule. “We have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith;” that is, by Christ we have received grace to save our souls, and apostleship to be of use to the church, not as a reward of our obedience, but to furnish us with power to make us obedient to the faith, among all nations for His name, Rom. 1:5; then faith is the rule of apostolic obedience; for it cannot be called receiving grace for obedience to the faith if faith be not the gracious man's rule of obedience.

Paul counts all things but dung that he may win Christ, and be found in Him; not having his own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ; and tells us to walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing. You take this rule of Paul's to be his pressing forward, or any of his attainments, it is answered, by faith he pressed forward, and by faith he attained; or else his pressing and attaining had been nothing but sin, for whatsoever is not of faith, according to Paul's doctrine, is sin. By faith Christ dwells in our hearts, and by faith we dwell in Him; and “in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature,” which is Christ formed within us: “and as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.” Faith is the rule of life according to the revealed will of God in Christ Jesus; “and this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John. 5:40) Thus faith, appears to be the believer's rule of life. according to the will of God in Christ Jesus; and the letter of the *continued on back...*

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law is the bond-childrens' rule of life; he that doth these things shall live in them. Let him do according to this rule and he shall live. The law is not the rule of believing, but of doing; the law is not of faith but of works, and the man that doth them shall live in them. (Gal. 3:12)

If to see the Son, and believe on Him, entitles us to everlasting life according to God's will, then faith must be the rule of that life; and one would think that if "he that liveth and believeth shall never die," faith must be a safe rule to live by.

*-William Huntington 1745-1813*

### **Dwelling Together in Unity**

It is sad when worldly attachments prevent believers from living closer to Christ's people and from consistently hearing Christ preached. I have been there. But like as we need to hear the gospel preached consistently, we also need to fellowship with one another throughout the week, we need to experience being forgiven our offenses and to forgive others theirs, we need to bear one another's burdens and have others bear our burdens, we need to love and to be loved by brethren. It is difficult to explain the benefits to someone who has never done it. But Christ declares these things to us in the gospel then Christ effectually works in every member making them minister to the needs of every other member. (Eph 4: 16) By this he shows us how real the grace and love of Christ is toward and in his people so that we "*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*" (Psalm 133: 1)

*-pastor Clay Curtis*

### **Beware of Giving Comfort Before its Time**

It is one of the most unwise things under heaven to comfort people who have not yet closed with Christ in heart faith. When people manifest an interest in the gospel and give an ear to our message, we must not allow our love for them and our zeal for their conversion to lead us to offer them rest when they need strong words to shut them up to Christ. Any friendship with the pastor and church people which gives an unbeliever cheer, fellowship, and ease short of a union with Christ is dangerous. A sinner's main business is to come to Christ himself, to love Christ, to rest in Christ. Then comes church fellowship, rest, and the joys of the body. There is no half-way house before believing in him!

*-Henry Mahan*

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**"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**