

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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## HYMN

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cleaning for March – Amber
  - Cleaning for April – Cass & Dee Anne
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## CLOSING HYMN

**I Need Thee Every Hour # 318**

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### THE BLESSING OF GIVING

*“Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.” (Psalm 96:8)*

The commandment of the Lord to bring an offering to support the ministry is not grievous duty to God’s people. Giving is a blessing! Giving is a believer imitating the Savior. *“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”* (II Cor. 8:9) Giving is pleasing to our Heavenly Father. *“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”* (II Cor. 9:7) *“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”* (Heb. 13:16) Giving will never cause the believer to suffer want. *“He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.”* (Prov. 28:27)

- Frank Tate (Ashland, KY)

### BE OF GOOD CHEER

*“But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid”* (Matt. 14:27).

These words were spoken by our Lord when His disciples were tossed about in a violent storm upon the sea. He came to them walking upon the boisterous waves to comfort them in their time of trial and said, *“Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.”* They took great comfort in His words and in His presence.

Let me encourage you who believe the gospel of Christ to take comfort in His word and in His presence and to be of *“Good cheer.”* No matter what the day may hold, we know who holds the day. No matter how bleak the outcome may seem, no matter how severe the pain may be, no matter how hopeless the situation appears to be, *“Be of good cheer.”* If you belong to Christ in the eternal covenant of mercy (Heb. 13:20), if you are purchased by His blood redemption (Eph. 1:7), if you are called by His effectual grace (2Tim. 1:9), you have every reason to *“Be of good cheer.”* Our sovereign Lord controls all things in our lives and is in charge over all aspects (Rom. 11:36).

Search the scripture and see if this is not true! *“All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose”* (Rom. 8:28). God said, *“Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice”* (Phil. 4:4).

Our Lord told the man who was paralyzed, *“Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee”* (Matt. 9:2). He told the woman with issue of blood, *“Daughter, be of good comfort (good cheer): thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace”* (Luke 8:48). He told the disciples on another occasion that they would have trouble; but He added, *“Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world”* (John 16:32-33). When Paul was in the most perplexing of circumstances, so far as outward evidence was concerned; all hope of being delivered from the raging sea was gone. Yet, he found cause to rejoice and reason to hope; *“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me”* (Acts 27:25).

Yes, my friend, our life is full of heartache, trial, disappointment, and grief; but we still have abundant reason to *“BE OF GOOD CHEER.”* THE LORD REIGNETH!

- Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

## RECKON

Paul wrote in **Rom 6:10-11** *For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The word ‘**Reckon**’ is an accounting term, it means to ‘calculate, add up, or consider or regard in a specified way.’

Although we do not feel dead to sin, and alive unto God yet in Christ we are. We are to reckon, count, regard ourselves to be dead to sin and alive unto God through our relationship to Christ. We are no more the servants of sin, but servants of God. True, I don’t feel dead to sin and alive to God, however, in Christ I am. Reckon it to be so for it is so.

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

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One special want of this present generation is brokenness of spirit. Nine-tenths of our trouble may be traced to this want. Most of us are unable to bear reproach or insult. If any would differ with us, even where weighty principles are not involved, we are offended. We are quick to stand up for our rights (as if we had any). We maintain our interests, and we contend for our ways and notions. What does this prove? It only proves plainly that self is not measured and judged in his presence. Oh, my friends, God will have us real before Him. We are so high-minded, touchy, easily provoked, and quick in the business of self-vindication. We talk about worldliness, carnality, self-indulgence, self-importance, short tempers, pride, vanity, but these things cannot be talked down, threatened down, or scolded down. There must be a stabbing of the heart by the Holy Spirit. The conscience must be spoken to by God.

- Scott Richardson (Bulletin, May 1986)

# San Diego Grace Fellowship

*“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”*

*1Cor 1v23-24*

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Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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