

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, Holy, Holy #70

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sovereign Grace Bible Conferences:

- Yuba-Sutter Grace Church, Yuba City CA
 - Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church, Kingsport, TN
- both conferences are scheduled for next weekend, Sept 27 - 29.
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HYMN

Pass Me Not #235

MESSAGE - "For My Name's Sake"

Isaiah 48:9-11 - pastor Clay Curtis

CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be #393

Obviously, the apostle Paul did not believe in “progressive sanctification,” like many do today. He wrote, “*O wretched man that I am,*” not, “*O wretched man that I was.*”

- David Eddmenson

Any message without the Gospel is a mistake in its conception and a crime in its execution.

- Scott Richardson

The most important aspect of a believer’s life is public worship – the worship of God in the assembly of his saints, collectively singing his praise, calling upon him in prayer, and hearing the exposition of his Word by the preaching of the gospel.

- Don Fortner

“But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth” (II Thessalonians 2:13).

All men and women are born into this world spiritually “*dead in trespasses and sins*” (Eph. 2:1). All are under the curse of the law, and all are deserving of eternal damnation. “*But God!*” God chose to show mercy to some sinners through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. Had God not chosen to do that, not one soul would have been saved. Contrary to what many may believe, there is no rejection in election. God did not choose for some to be saved and some to be damned. Mankind was already damned. God elected to save His people from damnation, and He reveals who He chose to do this for through the Holy Spirit giving a sinner “*“Belief of the Truth” (II Thess. 2:13).*” Therefore, all who have been given this faith to believe on the saving work and blood of Christ alone are bound to give thanks to God for choosing to save them before the foundation of the world.

- Gabe Stalnaker

Promise and Call

“The PROMISE is unto you and to your children, and to all that are a far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall CALL.” Acts 2:39.

Both the promises of God and the call of God are necessary for his glory and for our salvation. The promises of God, without the call of God, would make God a liar and it would make us disinterested. The call of God, without the promises of God, would make God mutable and it would give us nothing in which to place our hope. Oh Lord, call us by the gracious Spirit and enable us to place our hope in thy precious promises which are all yea and amen in Christ.

- Greg Elmquist

Love - The Distinguishing Character of God's Elect

Men look upon many things as evidences of Divine grace in the heart. Most of those "evidences" which men look upon and applaud are so many forms of self-righteousness. They are things seen of men, pleasing to men, and honored by men; but they are an abomination to God (Luke 16:15).

But our Lord Jesus Christ has plainly told us that there is one distinguishing character by which all true believers may be identified. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." If I have in my heart a true love for the people of God, all the people of God, then I am one of God's elect. If love is absent from my heart, grace is also absent from my heart. Just in case any do not know how to measure true love, Paul gives us a clear description in I Corinthians 13:4-7.

Love is **LONGSUFFERING**. It is patient with the weaknesses, infirmities, and offences of others. Love is not sharp, bitter, quick tempered, and malicious, but **KIND**. Love is **NOT PROUD AND SELFISH**. It does not envy others, promote itself, and behave rashly. Love is not self-seeking. Love is **NOT EASILY PROVOKED**. True love for someone will prevent me from being easily offended by him, and will cause me to quickly forgive him. Love **THINKS NO EVIL**. Love always looks for and thinks the best of its object. It looks for reasons to think good and not evil. Love does not harbor suspicion, and jealousy, and resentment. Love **PATIENTLY BEARS ALL THINGS** in its object. If I love someone I will bear-without anger or hurt feelings, most anything from them, because I trust them and believe the best concerning them.

All anger, wrath, malice, suspicion, and gossip are contrary to that love which characterizes God's elect. They spring from the old man, from the heart of sinful flesh. We must repent of such things and turn from them. It is my constant prayer that the Lord God will teach me to love my brethren and teach me to show them true love for Christ's sake.

-Don Fortner

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 - 10:30 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