

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rock of Ages #126

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bob is staying home to care for Vickie, remember them to the Lord as He enables you.
 - Carol is not well, she is on Hospice care for her COPD, please pray for her as the Lord enables you.
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HYMN

Be Still, My Soul #290

MESSAGE - "That You Had Listened"

Isaiah 48:12-22 - pastor Clay Curtis

CLOSING HYMN

My Redeemer #488

Someone said, "If I knew I were one of God's elect, I would come to Christ; but I fear I am not." To you I answer - Nobody ever came to Christ because he knew himself to be of the elect. It is quite true that God has of His good pleasure elected some to everlasting life, but there is no evidence of election until we believe in Christ. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. So, the question for you is not, "Am I one of the elect?" but, "Am I a sinner who needs salvation by God's grace in Christ? Am I in need of the blood of Christ to wash away my sins? Am I in need of His righteousness to clothe my nakedness? Is He my one and only hope for salvation?" Christ came to save sinners.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1813-1843)

Every perfection of God is found in His Son and those who are found in His Son, have every perfection God requires.

- David Eddmenson

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

- Proverbs 14:12

WHOSOEVER WILL

"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 of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17)

Those that love and preach the message of God's sovereign saving grace in Christ alone are often accused of not believing "whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely". I say, how can anyone whom God has taught by His Holy Spirit believe anything other than this? It is clearly taught in scripture! The unregenerate falsely say that because we accept the truth of God's electing grace, we preach a message that excludes some men from coming to Christ even if they want to. The problem is not the call to come, but man's willingness and ability to come. When the Lord Jesus cried in the last day, that great day of the feast (Jn. 7: 37), "if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink," why did men refuse to come to Him to drink of the water of life? I will tell you why: they did not want to come! Men by nature are just not willing to come to Christ as He is revealed in scripture! (Jn. 5: 39-40).

Now hear the sweet message of God's grace to an undeserving people: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." (Ps. 110: 3) Those whom the Holy Ghost effectually calls willingly come to Him as spiritual beggars in need of a Savior! They come because they now see the hopelessness of salvation without Christ the Mediator between God and themselves. They have been given a new heart to come to Christ for mercy. They willingly come to Christ as their Surety, their Representative, and their Substitute before God.

I leave you with these questions. Do you want to come? If you do, believe me, it is not because you decided to exercise your free will, because your natural will is the slave of sin! Will you be saved by His grace alone? If you will, it is because you have seen your works of self-righteousness to be unacceptable before God because of sin. Do you know by faith that the imputed righteousness of the Lord Jesus can robe you for justification before God's law and is the only covering of eternal hope? Will you come to Christ as the One who was made a curse for you at Calvary? If you will, COME! If you have no desire to come to Christ like this and you perish in your sins, it is your own fault. But, if you willingly come, it is because you see by faith your need of Christ for life by His shed blood, because God has shown mercy by giving you a new heart to come, and has been pleased to not leave you to yourself.

-Marvin Stalnaker

Men and women are not going to come to hear you preach “the doctrines of grace.” But if needy sinners get wind of the fact that you are preaching “the Christ of grace,” they will give you a hearing. When you only preach to my head in facts so numerous and terms so tedious, you weary me and forget that I am a human with emotions and a hungry HEART! I laugh, I cry, I love, I feel, I sorrow, I doubt, I fear, and I need a minister with whom I can identify in all of these, who has the message of God’s mercy, not cold, calculated creeds which ignore these human traits.

The Arminian cheerleader sings joyful hymns, weeps, laughs, rejoices, and calls for men to commit themselves to a movement with NO message of hope or assurance. The Calvinistic professor stands rigidly in his pulpit of pious orthodoxy, daring not to sweep lest he be called emotional, daring not to laugh lest he be thought frivolous, daring not to call mourners or seekers lest he be called a free-willer, daring not to let people know him or get close to him lest he lose their respect and awe. Someone may find out he is only a sinner saved by grace. “Lord, deliver me from having to listen to either one of them, and send me an Elijah of like passions who will minister to my heart and to my head – the whole man.

– *Author Unknown*

Brotherly Love

After the service one Sunday evening, someone made this comment upon a statement that I made in the message---"There is one gift of the Spirit which Satan cannot counterfeit, love".

He was right. Love is:

slow to suspect - quick to trust;

slow to condemn - quick to justify;

slow to demand - quick to give;

slow to resent - quick to forgive;

slow to belittle - quick to appreciate.

Let us see that we love one another with a pure heart, fervently.

- *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