

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**To God Be the Glory #449**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will observe the Lord's table immediately following the message this morning.

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## HYMN

**Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness #217**

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## MESSAGE - "Consider Him That is Faithful"

**Hebrews 11:11 - pastor John Reeves**

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## CLOSING HYMN

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #118**

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The first step toward the recovery or restoration of sight is the realization that one has a problem seeing. I never heard of anyone who sought out and called upon an optometrist before realizing that his sight was bad. Likewise, no sinner ever sought out and savingly called upon the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, until he realized that he could not see. Christ Jesus only saves the blind (John 9:39-41). But how full of grace He is to them!

*-Maurice Montgomery (1939-2015)*

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If we were asked to picture the most hideous, nasty, foul, repulsive and detestable thing we could conjure up in our minds, I am sure we could come up with some real offensive, horrendous, vile, obnoxious and nauseating things. However, I am certain that none of us would have thought of ourselves.

*-David Eddmenson*

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What a person is in his closet, alone before the all-seeing God, that he is and no more.

*-Don Fortner (1950-2020)*

## A Good Life

“And Jesus said unto [the crucified thief], Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.” Luke 23.43

Every life that ends in Christ is a good life. Sometimes God will allow one of his elect to live an entire life of sin, rebellion and violence, then, at the very end of it, call that person to Himself, just as he did with the thief on the cross. Others of His elect He might call early in their lives but leave them encompassed with infirmities such that they never seem of much use to anyone else; He may leave them to struggle with such illness that they cannot leave their homes; He might let them suffer unending pain and know little happiness, He might impoverish them so that they cannot see where the next meal will come from; they may suffer untold grief in the loss of their dearest loved ones and die alone so far as earthly family is concerned; they may die a miserable, slow, painful death; they may see their children rebel against God; they may work hard and gain much only to have it all taken from them, their life's work crumble right before their eyes; yes, they may experience any of the sorrows and difficulties and outright tragedies that the children of wrath suffer. Yet, their life ends in Christ, so it is a good life.

Someone once said, “If we had God's power, we would change everything; if we had God's wisdom, we would change nothing.” Do not despair of your life if you find it a troublesome thing: many a winding, treacherous road leads to a safe haven. Many there are who float through life serenely, and men will praise them at their departure and count them among the blessed of God, yet their life ends outside of Christ, and their life is proven a waste, indeed. And many, like this thief on Calvary, will die cursed of men, considered to be a waste of human flesh, yet will be blessed of God, having had a good life.

So, do not despair of your life or the lives of your loved ones. Have you much suffering now? If your life ends in Christ, you are having a good life. Do you see your children and other loved ones living a godless life? Do not despair: they may be on the road to Christ.

*-Joe Terrell (1955-2024)*

## Our Fellowship

*1 John 1:3*

There are few words in the vocabulary of a believer more precious, than these two. Our fellowship is that sweet communion of brethren dwelling together in unity. Our fellowship is the joyful agreement of the church family. Our fellowship is the oneness of heart which God's saints enjoy by the power of Christ. It is that unity of the Spirit which is the bond of peace. It is that love which is the bond of perfection.

How thankful we ought to be for our fellowship here, as a church of Christ, There are few places where such fellowship can be found. Yet, we must ever remember that, our fellowship with each other arises from, and is dependent upon, our fellowship with God.

Here is the blessed accomplishment of God's grace - that fellowship with God, which our race lost by the fall and sin of Adam, has been restored through the mediation of Christ. With his blood, Christ washed away our sins, reconciling God to us in all the fullness of his holy being. By his Spirit, Christ has reconciled us to God, purging our consciences from all guilt, through the gracious application of the blood to our hearts. Now, we who were once enemies, aliens, and strangers to God are reconciled, accepted, and fellow-citizens in Christ! Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ." As believers, we have all things in common with God Almighty in Christ Jesus!

- Don Fortner

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### **Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord." Psalm 130:1**

There is a difference between knowing that I need to cry out for mercy, and actually crying out for mercy.

There is a difference between knowing that Christ came to save sinners, and actually being a sinner who desperately needs and desires to be saved by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The difference is: the head and the heart! Knowing that I need to be saved is in the head, but the actual cry for mercy can only come from God giving a new heart that believes, loves, and sees its only hope to be in the Christ who purges sinners from all their sins!

- Gabe Stalnaker

# 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