# CALL TO WORSHIP

# How Great Thou Art! #37

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER**

• Next week is the third Sunday, we will enjoy a fellowship lunch following the service

## HYMN

## Have Thine Own Way, Lord! #388

**MESSAGE - "The Evidence of Being Saved"** 

Philippians 3:3 - pastor Gabe Stalnaker

# **CLOSING HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #291

### Put on the New Man

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (Ephesians 4:24)

When Paul says put on the new man, he does not mean for us to make ourselves righteous or born again by what we do or don't do. The new birth is the work of God the Holy Spirit alone. Paul means for the believer to live conducting ourselves as someone who has been born again from above. Believers are to conduct themselves like someone who has grace and forgiveness in their hearts. Be loving and faithful husbands and wives. Be wise and loving parents. Be obedient children. Be the best worker on the job. Be a neighbor who is easy to get along with. Be honest in all of your business dealings. Be kind and pleasant to cashiers and waiters and people you meet on the street. We may have sound doctrine in our preaching services, but if our actions do not, "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things" (Titus 2:10), no one will care what we have to say.

-pastor Frank Tate

### "It pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief." - Isaiah 53:10

The depths of wisdom were explored to furnish redemption, and to find a person competent to accomplish it; and when found, the depths of love were broken up, to make it complete. My soul, read over the mysterious volume which the Lord hath in part opened before thee. It cost the Father his thoughts from all eternity, to appoint a plan, by which, consistently with his holiness and his justice, thou mightest be saved. It cost the Father his Son, his dear Son, his only Son, before that thou couldest be redeemed. Jesus must die ere thou canst live. Pause over the subject as it is here expressed. "It pleased the Father to bruise him." Jesus, who was in himself holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; he, who knew no sin, must be made sin; he who never merited wrath, must be made a curse. Read on; Jesus must die! and by whom? Not by Jews, nor Gentiles only; not simply by high priests and governors among men; but by God the Father. He must bruise him, and put hint to grief; for though Jesus was taken, and by wicked hands crucified and stain, yet all this, we are told, was "by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God." And is there yet another chapter of wonders in this mysterious volume? Yes; what can it be? Namely, that all this was for sinners, for rebels, for enemies; nay, my soul, for thee. Wonder, O heavens, and be astonished, O earth! Had our whole nature been bruised to all eternity in the mortar of divine wrath, for the sin of our nature; what would all this have been to the sufferings, agonies, and death of the Lamb of God? And didst thou die for me, O thou unequalled pattern of love and mercy, and by thy stripes is my soul healed? Precious Jesus!

-Robert Hawker (1753-1827)

- Henry Mahan

All believers acknowledge their sin in all things; but none are content with it. We rejoice to know that we are freed from sin and without sin before God, but we long to be freed from sin and altogether without sin in our persons!

God showed His power in making us creatures, but He showed His love in making us sons. A man may give thanks that God had made him a man rather than a beast, but how much more we ought to praise His glorious name for making us children of love rather than leaving us in our state of sin. When I think of what and where I could be, my heart overflows with gratitude to my Redeemer!

### **Monstrous Implications**

Let me say at the outset, the Bible does not teach or imply that Christ died for all men without exception. He died for the elect, His sheep, His church. Yet most of what goes on under the name of Christianity teaches He died for all men without exception. There are even men who say they believe in election who still believe His blood was shed for all men without exception. Such teaching and preaching has these six monstrous implications....

1. If Christ died for all men without exception and all men without exception are not saved, then He failed in His intentions.

2. If He died for all men without exception and some that He died for are not saved, His death does not save.

3. If He died for the sins of all men without exception and some of those men are still punished for their sins, God is not just. He punishes the same sin twice!

4. If Christ died for men that God loved and they are not saved, God's love is meaningless. He can love you and you can still be damned.

5. If God loves all men and Christ died for all, God is not immutable. He changes in His disposition toward the men that are under His wrath.

6. If Christ died for all men without exception and all without exception are not saved, salvation is by works. Christ's death did not make the difference, but what the sinner does or fails to do.

Universal redemption is more than a mistake in theology. It is a denial of the Gospel and a message of salvation by works. The implications of such teaching are truly monstrous.

-pastor Todd Nibert

I will be good today, better tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfect. Such is the dream of unawakened, self-righteous sinners. But the spiritually quickened soul says, I will continually flee to Jesus for refuge to lay hold of hope, to His blood for pardon, to His righteousness for justification, to His grace for sanctification, and to His finished salvation for eternal glory, that I may grow up into Christ in all things, Who is my Head (Ephesians 4:15).

# San Diego Grace Fellowship

"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."

Revelation 22:17

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<u>Service Times</u> Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 AM Sunday Service - 11:00 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* 

<sup>-</sup>William Mason 1719-1791