

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Immortal, Invisible #34

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- Today is the third Sunday of the month and we plan to serve lunch immediately following services - all are welcome to stay and enjoy a meal and gospel fellowship.
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#### HYMN

### Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus #204

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#### MESSAGE - "Seek Christ Crucified"

Matthew 28:1-5 - pastor Gabe Stalnaker

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#### CLOSING HYMN

### O to Be Like Thee! #316

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It is good that recorded sermons are available. But there is a tendency for folks to ignore the assembly using the argument, "I can listen from my own home." But, I recently heard an old quote (from way back in the "tape" days) that I think makes the point: Just listening to a tape of a sermon is like kissing your wife over the telephone. It loses something in the translation! "*Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is!*"

- Joe Terrell

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Health is a good thing; but sickness is far better, if it leads us to God. Prosperity is a great mercy; but adversity is a greater one, if it brings us to Christ. Anything, anything is better than living in carelessness, and dying in sin. Better a thousand times to be afflicted, like the Canaanite mother, and like her to flee to Christ, than live in ease, like the rich 'fool', and die at last without Christ and without hope.

- J.C. Ryle

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Our Savior tells us that all power has been given to him. If he has all power, no one else has any power.

- Don Fortner

## Salt without prescribing *how much*.

*Ezra 7:22*

Salt was used in every offering made by fire to the Lord, and from its preserving and purifying properties it was the grateful emblem of divine grace in the soul. It is worthy of our attentive regard that, when Artaxerxes gave salt to Ezra the priest, he set no limit to the quantity, and we may be quite certain that when the King of kings distributes grace among his royal priesthood, the supply is not cut short by *him*. We are often constrained in ourselves, but never in the Lord. He who chooses to gather much manna will find that he may have as much as he desires. There is no such famine in Jerusalem that the citizens should eat their bread by weight and drink their water by measure. Some things in the age of grace are measured; for instance our vinegar and gall are given to us with such exactness that we never have a single drop too much, but of the salt of grace no stint is made—"Ask whatever you wish and it shall be given to you." Parents need to lock up the fruit cupboard, and the candy jars, but there is no need to keep the salt box under lock and key, for few children will eat too greedily from that. A man may have too much money, or too much honour, but he cannot have too much grace. When Jeshurun became fat in the flesh, he kicked against God, but there is no fear of a man's becoming too full of grace: a *plethora* of grace is impossible. More wealth brings more care, but more grace brings more joy. Increased wisdom is increased sorrow, but abundance of the Spirit is fulness of joy. Believer, go to the throne for a large supply of heavenly salt. It will season your afflictions, which are unsavoury without salt; it will preserve your heart which corrupts if salt is absent, and it will kill your sins even as salt kills slugs. You need much; seek much, and have much.

- C.H. Spurgeon

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"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

*Matthew 5:13*

## Church Member or Christ Worshipper?

*From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. - John 6:66-69*

I have an acquaintance that has been a member of three churches in the last year. Every time he hears something he does not like, sees something he doesn't approve of, or just gets tired of what is going on, he leaves and finds another church. He and his wife are nothing more than church goers. There is a big difference between a church member and Christ worshipper.

You cannot run off a Christ worshipper. He or she is like the Apostle Peter, when asked "will ye also go away" he will be quick to answer, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

Please notice the words "to whom shall we go." Salvation is not where shall we go, but to whom shall we go." There is only one person to whom we CAN go. There is only one way to salvation, only one door to enter. Christ says plainly "I am the door" of the sheep (John 10:7). Only one person has the words of eternal life.

Are you a church member or a Christ worshipper?

*- pastor David Eddmenson*

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A people hungering after righteousness and a preacher anxious to feed their souls will act in sweet harmony with each other when their common subject is Jesus Christ the Lord.

*- Scott Richardson*

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"Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

*Matthew 5:6*

# 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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### Service Times

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*