

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #93

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- There will be no Wednesday evening service this week in lieu of the Christmas holiday.
- Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 PM. Invite a friend!

#### HYMN

### Tell Me the Old, Old Story #229

#### MESSAGE - "Rightly Dividing the Word" 2 Tim 14:18

"He Is Not Here" Matt 28:6 - pastor Gabe Stalnakar

#### CLOSING HYMN

### The Church's One Foundation #186

#### **Knowing God**

How much religion, tradition, and ceremony can a man know and observe and yet not know God?

Well, the Jews observed thousands of Passovers yet never saw CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER.

They slew thousands of lambs yet never saw CHRIST, THE LAMB OF GOD.

They kept thousands of sabbaths yet never knew the rest of CHRIST, OUR SABBATH.

They ordained thousands of priests yet never saw CHRIST, THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST.

They actually carried the mercy-seat on their shoulders yet never came to CHRIST, OUR MERCY-SEAT.

They ate the manna and drank from that Rock, yet never tasted the BREAD AND WATER OF LIFE – CHRIST JESUS.

Oh, Lord, open my eyes to see HIM who is all and in all!

*-Henry Mahan*

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"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

*1John 5:20*

#### **All kinds of trials...**

Ah! even when the Christian is most "in heaviness through all kinds of trials," what a mercy it is that he can know that he is still elect of God!

Any man who is assured that God has "chosen him from before the foundation of the world," may well say, "In this we greatly rejoice."

Let me be lying upon a bed of sickness, and just revel in this one thought– Before God made the heavens and the earth, and laid the pillars of the firmament in their golden sockets, he set his love upon me; upon the breast of the great high priest he wrote my name, and in his everlasting book it stands, never to be erased- "elect according to the foreknowledge of God."

"In this we greatly rejoice."

Come, Christian! you are depressed and cast down. Think for a moment. You are chosen of God and precious to him!

Let the bell of election ring in your ear, and let your name be heard in its notes.

*- CH Spurgeon*

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***"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."***

***Psalm 90:10***

When this vapor becomes no more than a whisper, when a single breath is all that remains, how vain will every idle thought have been? When my eyes have set and become hollow then they will afford me no more distractions whereby they deceived me in carrying me away to worldly heights. When my hands tremble with rigors uncontrollable they will only remind me that my flesh has been no strength at all. How vanishing is this life! How fragile is this grass! I am but dust. Since my birth this vessel has been returning to the ground. Soon, it is cut off. Lord, teach me to consider my Creator now! Teach me to apply my heart to wisdom, now and continually! Teach me that nothing else matters save my union with the Lord Jesus Christ my Righteousness.

*- pastor Clay Curtis*

## No Exceptions!

My English teacher in college, when speaking to us about the rules of grammar, would often say, "Now to some of these rules there are exceptions." Let me give you two rules which are absolutely without exception.

Rule number one: Every sin shall receive its just penalty and payment, and the wages of sin is death, the second death, eternal death and Hell! (Heb. 2:2; Rom. 6:23). The Holy God of the Bible, that God with whom we have to do, not only will not but cannot clear the guilty (Ex. 34:7). He is infinitely and unchangeably holy and just. All sin shall be punished, justly punished. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Rule number two: No sinner for whom the Lord Jesus lived, suffered and died as Substitute and Surety, will ever suffer at the hands of God, any penalty, for any sin! Justice God does demand, and justice God will have! "But justice God cannot twice demand, first at the bleeding Surety's hand; then again at mine!" NO EXCEPTIONS!

Dear sinner, there is, right now, "no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1). In Christ Jesus, through faith in Him, there is full, free, perfect, and everlasting salvation. Any sinner who has Christ, has God's Salvation! No sinner ever sought Him sincerely, in truth, and sought in vain. He delights to save sinners. He came into this world to save sinners. He suffered and died under the wrath of God to save sinners. He lives and reigns to save sinners. He is going to save some sinners. He is fully able to save you. Do you need Him? Do you believe Him? "He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16; John 3:36).

- Maurice Montgomery

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The Gospel is not an offer. An offer presupposes a man's ability to accept or reject the offer. To offer life to one who is dead in sins would be absurd and insincere. God does not offer life. He gives it! "And you hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." Did Christ offer life to Lazarus? Of course not! "Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth."

- pastor Todd Nibert

# 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*

**December 22, 2024**

### 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*