

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Fairest Lord Jesus! #50

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

- There will be a memorial service for Cass Hodson this Wednesday at 12 noon at the church building. Pastor Rick Warta will preside.
  - Pastor Rick Warta will preach for us Wednesday evening at our regular mid-week service.
  - Pastor John Reeves is scheduled to preach here on Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 PM, mark your calendar.
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#### HYMN

### Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord #337

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#### MESSAGE

"He's the Savior, I'm the Sinner" (1 Tim 1:15) - pastor Gabe

"Two Men Praying" (Luke 8:9-14) - pastor Angus Fisher

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#### CLOSING HYMN

### Amazing Grace #236

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#### Substitution; The Heart of The Gospel

The 'good news' of the Gospel is that there is a Substitute who has stood in the place of every repentant sinner and bore the wrath of God in his place. He did this for all whom the Father had given Him from all eternity. It is for them that He prays in John 17. They are 'His sheep', the Father gave them to Him, and He died for them (John 10:15, 29).

Substitution is at the very heart of the Gospel. Christ did not simply give His life to make salvation possible for those who contribute their part to what He has done by repenting and trusting Christ. *He it is* that gives repentance and faith (2 Timothy 2:25; Ephesians 2:8).

Christ did not say to the religious Jews of His day that they were not of His 'sheep' because they did not believe; rather, He says, '*Ye believe not, because you are not of my sheep*' (John 10:26). If they had been His sheep they would have believed. The 'good news' is that all whom the Father has given to the Son, and for whom He died will believe and manifest true repentance and faith. This they will do willingly and with gratitude in their hearts. It is God's work. He cannot fail.

- missionary Bill Clark

#### True Conversion

When the Word of God converts a man, it takes away from him his despair, but it does not take away his repentance. True conversion gives a man pardon, but does not make him presumptuous. True conversion gives a man perfect rest in Christ, but it does not stop his progress. True conversion gives a man security, but it does not allow him to leave off being watchful. True conversion gives a man strength and holiness, but it never lets him boast. True conversion brings a man to live for God. He does what he does for the glory of God, not for himself. True conversion makes a man live before God; he desires to walk with God, worship God, and talk to God as a man talks with his friend.

- C.H. Spurgeon

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#### Charity Suffereth Long

There is an old saying that has much truth in it, "Charity begins at home." It is more difficult to be longsuffering, patient, and kind - charitable - at home than anywhere else. Those who live with you know you best. And if you profess to be a partaker of Christ's love, your family will detect the truthfulness or hypocrisy of your profession before anyone else. The best testimony that you can have toward your unbelieving husband, wife, or children is the testimony of a long-suffering, charitable disposition. Let us, therefore, live at our homes in a way that will reflect the love of Christ.

But, though charity begins at home, do not let it stop there. Bring it with you to church. Be patient and long-suffering with your brothers and sisters in Christ, Just as you experience the long-suffering and patience of God with you. Whenever you are tempted to speak harshly, or think evil concerning your brethren, remember "charity suffereth long", And take this charity with you out into the world. Yes, even in the presence of those wicked enemies of the Cross we are to be charitable. Perhaps God will by our charity open for us an opportunity to minister to men by the gospel.

- Don Fortner

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"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity (brotherly love) among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."

- 1 Peter 4:7-8

## Grace and Truth Came By Jesus Christ

Grace and truth are fitly and inseparable joined together. We cannot have grace without Truth, nor Truth without grace. Those who reject grace reject Truth and those who reject Truth reject grace. *“Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 5:21)*. The grace which saves the sinner is not mere pity and sentiment such as we find in the creature. The grace which saves sinners is established on the principles of an honored law and a satisfied justice *(Romans 3:23-26)*. Grace does not ignore the law nor set aside its requirements. No! It establishes the law *(Romans 3:31)*. Grace establishes the law because it has a Substitute who perfectly fulfilled the law and endured the death penalty for all who believe, in order that God may be both Just and Justifier.

Law manifests what is in men – sin!  
Grace manifests what is in God – love!  
Law demands righteousness from men!  
Grace brings righteousness to men!  
Law sentences men to death!  
Grace brings dead men to life!  
Law speaks of what I must do!  
Grace tells what Christ has done!  
Law gives a knowledge of sin!  
Grace puts away sin!

- Henry Mahan

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## Have You Been Born Again?

Most people look for some outward evidence of the new birth. They look for a changed life. They look for a more religious demeanor. But the only evidence that there is of the new birth is inward not outward. The only evidence of the new birth is faith in Christ. *“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God” (I John 5:1)*. If you believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior that the Father sent into the world to save His elect, then you have been born again. If you believe that the only way that your sinful soul can be saved is by the Lord Jesus Christ, then you have been born again. The only people who can believe on Christ that way are people who have been born again with a new nature of faith.

- pastor Frank Tate

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*“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*

**January 19, 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*