

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM JUNE 22, 2014

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1 John 5:13-15

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.”



Watchman Nee, in his very helpful book, *What Shall This Man Do?*, suggests that these three ministries of John, Peter, and Paul can be distinguished by, and are characterized by, the tasks that each of these men were performing when they were called of God.

Peter, for instance, was called as a fisherman, and we are told in the Gospels that the moment of his call occurred when the Lord found him casting a net into the sea. That work of fishing for men is characteristic of the Apostle Peter. He is always beginning things, initiating new programs. To him was committed the keys of the kingdom by which he could open the door to the new things God was introducing. On the day of Pentecost he used one of those keys and as a result caught 3,000 fish in his gospel net. You find that characteristic of this man all through his written ministry.

To the Apostle Paul, however, was committed a different task. When Paul was called he was a tentmaker. He made things. He built things. This, then, was the ministry committed to the Apostle Paul. He is a builder. He not only lays the foundation, but he builds upon it. He calls himself “a wise master-builder” and to this man, this mighty apostle, was committed the task of building the great doctrinal foundation upon which the Christian faith rests.

But John is different than both of these. When John was called he was found mending his nets. John is a mender. His written ministry comes in after the church has been in existence for several decades, and at a time when apostasy had begun to creep in. There was need of a voice to call people back to the original foundations and that is the ministry of the Apostle John. He calls men back to truth. When we begin to drift, when some false concept creeps into our thinking or into our actions, it is John who is ordained of the Lord to call us back, to mend the nets and to set things straight. The apostle John wrote the epistle First John against the backdrop of influential false teachers to help believers know that their faith was genuine and that they possessed eternal life in Jesus Christ. His great emphasis is on the differences between the genuine Christian and the spurious, and how to discern between the two. John wants us to know our salvation with certainty!

Sunrise Community Church
Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst
EVERY SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 8:45 A.M.

JUNE 2014						
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The Hymns We Sing

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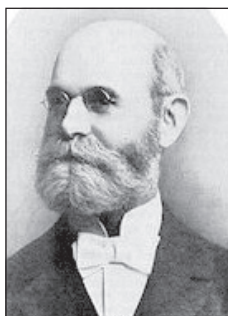
Jesus Saves

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/j/e/s/jesussav.htm>

"I did not come to judge the world, but to save it."

Words: **Priscila J. Owens**, in *Songs of Redeeming Love*, by John R. Sweney, C. C. McCabe, Tullius C. O'Kane, & William Kirkpatrick (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1882). Owens wrote this song for the Union Square Methodist Church Sunday school in Baltimore, Maryland. Photo unavailable.

Music: *Salvation* (Kirkpatrick), **William J. Kirkpatrick**



William J. Kirkpatrick
1838-1921

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves!

Jesus saves!

Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Bear the news to every land, climb the mountains, cross the waves;

Onward! 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Tell to sinners far and wide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing, you islands of the sea; echo back, you ocean caves;

Earth shall keep her jubilee: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing above the battle strife: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

By His death and endless life Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Shout it brightly through the gloom, when the heart for mercy craves;

Sing in triumph o'er the tomb: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Shout salvation full and free; highest hills and deepest caves;

This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

June 2014

June 22 8:45 a.m. New Series In 1st John
The Tests of True Christianity
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
June 24 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Colossians
June 27 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship

Are we witnessing the last days of the Iraqi church?

WWW.PERSECUTION.ORG

The Iraqi church is on the brink of disappearing.

Incredibly, in the past decade, the Iraqi Church has shrunk from 1.2 million Christians to 200,000. In the Iraq war, Christians were left totally unprotected and were either slaughtered or left Iraq.

Those that could, fled to other countries. Those that were left, fled to the North of the country, into the Kurdish areas where they have been safe – until now.

As you've seen in the news, Islamic Jihadists from Syria have streamed across the border and are taking Iraq with complete brutality. In some cities they have killed the entire male population. There are reports of mass executions of 1,000+ Shia men.

Mosul, a city in northern Iraq, had been relatively safe for Christians, but now the Jihadi fighters have driven all the Christians out. They have fled further east, to the city of Irbil.

Thousands of Christians have poured into the Kurdish city of Irbil, many of them escaping their homes with only what they could carry. Irbil is one of the only safe places left for them. This is truly a desperate situation.

The small churches of Irbil and surrounding Kurdistan are ready to serve their brothers and sisters who have taken refuge in their cities but are requesting our help.

International Christian Concern is working to provide emergency food, blankets, tents, etc for the Iraqi Christians taking a stand in maybe the last safe place in Iraq.

All the aid will flow through Christian churches on the ground to provide the basic needs of those affected.

The majority of the aid will go to Christians, but ICC will also be helping non-Christian families in need.

This is one of the most powerful game-changers on the ground. Word spreads around that the Christians love and want to help their fellow man. Because of this, non-Christians quickly gain a favorable impression of Christians and want to help and protect them. *Go to www.persecution.org to find links to join the effort.*

