

morning

27 nov 2022

“tabernacle cardiff”

sunday 10.30am & 6.00pm

wednesday 7.30pm

opening prayer

hymn

reading - psalm 145

notices / hymn

children story

main prayer

hymn

sermon - psalm 145v18

hymn

closing prayer

‘call upon him in truth’

Psa 145:18 *The LORD is nigh
unto all them that call upon
him, to all that call upon him in
truth.*

We turn our attention to these words which describe the true calling of the heart. By that we mean think the calling for mercy and to be saved.



many kinds of calling

In some countries men are allocated their religion because they have been born in a certain country. Even if this is not the case, many think like this. This is not the true call from the heart.

We might think of a good child in a Christian home. They may want to please the parents by becoming Christian. This is not true calling.

Then again you might have some in a youth group who feel the pressure to belong. True calling is very different. You might also come across a pressure to believe in a meeting designed to move your emotions. Very often

those who call upon the Lord in these meetings soon fade away.

We have a term we “easy believism” where it seems any kind of call will do. Some even make up their own gospel, but this is hardly truth.

There can much substance to the call, when a man is moved by a good sermon. Yet the calling still has to be a true.

You often find men calling to the Lord and looking to the World at the same time. This is a long way from true calling.

Many are afraid of the World and are not willing to count the cost of becoming a Christian. You will also find some calling upon the Lord in a moment of need and then forget him. Or possibly they might see some advantage to believing and so call out of convenience. None of these are genuine and true calling.

Then again others call on ‘something’ or an unknown God. I believe if they truly call the Lord will lead them to the truth of himself.

one kind of calling

This true call of the heart includes truth. It begins with the truth about God and the truth about ourselves. These truths cast you down. Then you discover the truth of the gospel. You discover Christ saves sinners. It all comes together with a heart cry to God to save through Jesus Christ. He draws near and Christ comes to save.

children story ‘thanksgiving’



We held a thanksgiving supper a few days ago. In America they remember the first thanksgiving of the pilgrim fathers. We thank God for Jesus Christ.

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‘tale of two cities’

Act 17:1 *Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:*

This second missionary journey continues into Macedonia. See the gospel marching on. And so, Paul and Silas enter Thessalonica and Berea.

church at thessalonica

The usual practice was to make contact with Jews in the synagogue. Paul preaches a sound gospel message. Some of the Jews believe, and also certain Gentile women of prominence.

The Jews soon turn against Paul and Silas and hire some lewd fellows of the baser sort to stir up a crowd. Looking for Paul and Silas they bring out Jason and some brethren and accuse them. It all leads to Paul and Silas leaving the city, and yet a church was formed.

church at berea

The same practice was followed in Berea, where they made contact with Jews in the synagogue.

This time many Jews were saved as well as some women of prominence. Indeed mention is made of them being more noble and of readily receiving the Word and searching the Scriptures.

When the Jews from Thessalonica hear of the gospel success in Berea, they travel to Berea to stir up the people. Once again Paul has to leave the city.

searched the scriptures

One of the highlights of this passage is the good response of the Bereans. They are described as noble in readily receiving the Word and of searching the Scriptures in order to see the truth of the gospel message.

Now we know they were not saved because they were noble. We also know these things were marks of the Lord working in their hearts. Yet we note the important emphasis of responding well to the gospel. The same lesson is

important for the Christian throughout life.

We commend this open heartedness to the gospel and their desire to see the truths confirmed in the Scriptures.

turned a world upside down

The language of the Jews in Thessalonica speak much of the power of the gospel. They clearly had heard of the gospel advance in Macedonia and perhaps also Galatia, and so spoke of these men turning the World upside down. In truth, they were turning the World the right way up.

This power of turning the World upside down is always with the Church. Only the gospel can bring light into the darkness. Having said that, the power to turn the World upside down is seen and acknowledged by all when the Lord comes in revival.

The Lord has turned our World upside down. We pray for an outpouring.