

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Necessity of our King

Mark 3:20-30

PASTOR'S PRAYER ~ Love Lusters at Calvary *from the Valley of Vision*

Our Father, Enlarge our heart, warm our affections, open our lips, supply words that proclaim 'Love Lusters at Calvary.' There grace removes our burdens and heaps them on Your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, a sin for us; There the sword of Your justice smote the man, Your fellow; There Your infinite attributes were magnified, and infinite atonement was made; There infinite punishment was due, and infinite punishment was endured. Christ was all anguish that we might be all joy, cast off that we might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that we might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that we might attain heaven's best, stripped that we might be clothed, wounded that we might be healed, athirst that we might drink, tormented that we might be comforted, made a shame that we might inherit glory, entered darkness that we might have eternal light. Our Savior wept that all tears might be wiped from our eyes, groaned that we might have endless song, endured all pain that we might have unfading health, bore a thorny crown that we might have a glory-diadem, bowed his head that we might uplift mine, experienced reproach that we might receive welcome, closed his eyes in death that we might gaze on unclouded brightness, expired that we might forever live. O Father, who spared not Your only Son that You might spare us, All this transfer Your love designed and accomplished; Help us to adore You by lips and life. O that our every breath might be ecstatic praise, our every step buoyant with delight, as we see our enemies crushed, Satan baffled, defeated, destroyed, sin buried in the ocean of reconciling blood, hell's gates closed, heaven's portal open. Go forth, O conquering God, and show us the cross, mighty to subdue, comfort and save. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Kinds of Unbelief (vv. 20-22)
2. The Argument against Unbelief (vv. 23-27)
3. The Warning with Unbelief (vv. 28-30)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus warns against eternal harm of unbelief.

Central Sermon Aim

I want to call SGBC to true & sure faith in Jesus Christ .