

Sunrise Community Church

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2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

A large American flag is shown waving on a flagpole against a clear blue sky. The flag is the primary visual element of the central image.

**“NOW THE LORD IS
THE SPIRIT, AND
WHERE THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS FREEDOM.”**

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM JUNE 30, 2013

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Romans 1:20-22

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”



Idolatry and unbelief are evil bed fellows. While there is a relationship between unbelief and idolatry, we would not be correct in thinking idolatry is only practiced with images of stone or clay. Idolatry, at its heart, is fashioning God in our own image. Idolatry is sinful because it fails to do justice to God's perfection. Idolatry misrepresents God, often distorting His character as a cartoonist caricatures the features of a prominent personality. But we distort God with wrong concepts and wrong theology just as much as we do with physical likenesses which have no resemblance. Theology is simply a word-picture of God. If we are wrong here, we are idolaters.

Knowledge of God is given to everyone. This knowledge is attainable by observing the handiwork of God in creation around us. Just as we can learn much of a writer by studying his work, or of a painter by his paintings, so, also, we can learn of God from His handiwork, His creation. We may learn, Paul says in verse 20, of God's eternal power and of His divine nature. Who can look at the raging power of the Niagara Falls and not be struck with the power of the One Who created them? Who can study the power of the atom and not be impressed with the infinite power of the Creator? And who can ponder creation without concluding that someone far greater than mortal man was the originator of it all?

But many men have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and exchanged the blessings of God in His provision for sexual fulfillment for that which is unnatural and disgusting. "... for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire towards one another ..." (Verse 26). This is a deadly sequence of events. Rejection of God's revelation leads to idolatry, and idolatry leads to immorality and man at last plummets into the grossest perversions imaginable.

To a great extent, the judgment of God is getting exactly what we want. Men reject God's revelation of Himself and God gives men over to idolatry. Men reject God and His purposes for men and God gives man over to practice the unnatural. Not only is this so in the present; it will be so in the future. What an awesome thought. Hell is getting exactly what we want. And on the reverse side of the coin, how grateful we Christians should be to our heavenly Father Who has and will withhold much of

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

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JULY 2013						
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Hymn of the Week

COURTESY OF THE CYBER HYMNAL™

<http://www.hymntime.com/>

Faith of Our Fathers

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/hym/f/a/i/faithoof.htm>



Frederick W. Faber
(1814-1863)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see, This is what the ancients were commended for. —Hebrews 11:1-2

Words: Frederick W. Faber, *Jesus and Mary* (London: 1849); refrain by James G. Walton, 1874.

Music: *St. Catherine* (Walton), arranged by James G. Walton in *Crown of Jesus Music*, by Henri F. Hemy (London: 1864).

Alternate tune: • *Sawston*, traditional melody, in *Crown of Jesus*, 1864

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whenever we hear that glorious Word!

Refrain

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.*

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, could die for Thee!

Refrain

Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto Thee;
And through the truth that comes from God,
We all shall then be truly free.

Refrain

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach Thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.

Refrain

SEE YOU SUNDAY AT SUNRISE

What's Happening at Sunrise

July 2013

- June 30 8:45 a.m.** Pastor Andrew Kikkert – Romans 1:18-25
Slavery, Shrimp & the Supreme Court: Did God Get it Wrong?
- 10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- July 2 6:30 p.m.** Bible Study and BBQ at Kikkert's
- July 4 Independence Day**
- July 5 7:00 p.m.** Game Night
- July 7 8:45 a.m.** Elder Thom Rachford preaching
10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- July 9** Bible Study on Summer Break
- July 12 6:30 p.m.** Friday Night Fellowship
- July 14 8:45 a.m.** Pastor Andrew Kikkert – Mark 14:53-72
Mission Impossible
10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- July 19 7:00 p.m.** Game Night
- July 21 8:45 a.m.** Pastor Andrew Kikkert – Mark 15:1-21
Pilate, Politics & the Prince
10:30 a.m. Second Hour
- July 26 6:30 p.m.** Friday Night Fellowship
- July 28 8:45 a.m.** Pastor Andrew Kikkert – Mark 16:1-20
He is Alive!
10:45 a.m. Second Hour

Poll: Founding Fathers would be frowning this July 4th

As Independence Day approaches, most Americans think the Founding Fathers would have had a sad celebration this year. A Fox News poll asked voters what the Founding Fathers would think of Washington these days: Fully 82% think they would be unhappy with how things are going there.

That includes 96% of those who identify with the Tea Party movement, 95% of Republicans, 88% of independents and 68% of Democrats. Democrats (23%) are about six times as likely as Republicans (4%) to think the Founding Fathers would be pleased.

Meanwhile, more than three-quarters of voters (77%) believe the United States would be a better country if we followed the ideas of the Founding Fathers and the Constitution more closely.

The poll also shows people feel dubious about the nation's political leadership. While 35% say they trust the federal government, many more — a 62% majority — say they don't. And 71% of voters think the government in Washington has too much power. Few — just 15% — approve of the job Congress is doing while 77% disapprove. And President Obama's job ratings are in negative territory: 43% of voters approve, while over half — 51% — disapprove.

The Fox News poll was based on landline and cell phone interviews with 1,012 randomly chosen registered voters nationwide and was conducted under the joint direction of Anderson Robbins Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R) from June 22 to June 24, before the most recent Supreme Court rulings. The full poll has a margin of sampling error of ± 3%.