

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2015

BY PASTOR ANDREW KIKKERT, SUNRISE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hear Sunday Sermons at www.SunriseTC.org

1 Timothy 3:14-15

“I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.”



The view that there is no absolute truth pervades our society. A recent Gallup poll conducted for Americans United for Life found nearly 70 percent agree with the statement: “There are few moral absolutes; what is right or wrong usually varies from situation to situation.” Only 27 percent disagreed. And while 50 percent were troubled about the influence of religious fundamentalism, only 36 percent expressed concern about secular humanism’s influence.

The church today has minimized biblical truth in favor of whatever works to draw people in. To do this, the church has adopted a marketing approach, where you give the customer what he wants and tiptoe around difficult issues such as sin, hell, judgment, and other politically incorrect topics. The measure of success in the local church has become “is the church growing?” rather than “is the church faithful to the truth?”

The goal, of course, is a good one: To bring people to know Christ and to become a part of His church. The theologically liberal modernists of 100 years ago had exactly the same goal. The modernists didn’t set out to deny the faith. They were afraid that if they didn’t make the gospel message “relevant” to their culture, they would lose people. Even so, the church growth movement today is seeking to make the faith relevant to baby boomers and others who have been turned off. To do this, they use modern marketing and management strategies and offer short, uplifting, psychologized sermons that play down truth or doctrine, with the goal of making people feel good. But the end result is the same: By minimizing biblical truth, you end up selling out the heart of the faith.

I am driven by a passion for knowing and proclaiming God’s truth. That truth cuts against not only the grain of our culture, but also of much modern evangelicalism. We live in an age of deception. If we want to avoid being swept downstream, if we want to stand as the pillar and support of God’s truth, we must become people of the truth. Without it, our Christianity will crumble under the pressures of the modern world.

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

9642 Live Oak Ave. • Temple City, CA 91780

(626) 287-6120 • PastorAndy@SunriseTC.org • www.SunriseTC.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE February 2015

The Hymns We Sing

COURTESY OF THE CYBER HYMNAL™

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

Into My Heart

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/html/i/m/y/imyheart.htm>

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.”

Ephesians 3

Words & Music: Verse 1, Harry D. Clarke (1888-1957) 1924, verse 2 anon.

Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay;
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Out of my heart, out of my heart,
Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
Shine out today, shine out alway;
Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.



Harry D. Clarke

FEBRUARY 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

- Feb. 1 8:45 a.m. New Study in the Book of Jude
Introduction to Jude
- 10:30 a.m. Corporate Prayer
- Feb. 3 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in
1st Thessalonians
- Feb. 6 7:00 p.m. Game Night
- Feb. 8 8:45 a.m. Jude verses 1 & 2
10:30 a.m. *Digging Deeper in Jude*
- Feb. 10 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in
2nd Thessalonians
- Feb. 13 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 8:45 a.m. Jude verse 3
10:30 ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK
- Feb. 17 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in 2nd Thessalonians
- Feb. 20 12:00 p.m. Temple City Camellia Festival
- Feb. 21 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Temple City Camellia Festival
- Feb. 22 8:45 a.m. Jude verses 4 to 7
10:30 a.m. *Digging Deeper in Second Hour*
12-8:00 p.m. Temple City Camellia Festival
- Feb. 24 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in 2nd Thessalonians
- Feb. 27 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship

Prosecutor won't drop case against Christian ticketed for posting scripture sign on vehicle

[HTTP://CHRISTIANNNEWS.NET/](http://christiannews.net/)

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. - A Christian in New Jersey who was ticketed last year for posting a sign on his truck that cited Scripture states that the prosecutor who is handling the case has refused to drop the charge because of the events in New York where protesters have questioned the judgment of police.

“The prosecutor stated that he was not going to drop the case because he wanted to respect the authority of police,” Luis Zapata, whose defense attorney spoke with the prosecution last week, told Christian News Network. “Especially with the events with the police officers in New York City-the protests and the negative view of the officers-he was going to stand by the officer.”

As previously reported, for nearly the past two years up until last August, Zapata, a Columbian-born Christian who lives just outside the town of Englewood, has posted Scripture and other messages on his vehicle as a means to witness to the public about Christ.

“Two years ago, the Lord said to me, ‘Start praying. Go out into the streets and go preach the gospel. Put signs on your car. Tell everybody that I’m coming soon,’” he recalled.

So he did. Among other locations, Zapata joined area Christians in preaching the gospel at Metropolitan Medical Associates, one of the largest abortion facilities in the state, to help save lives and reach abortion-minded mothers. He also created Scripture-based signs, which he affixed to his truck and drove through a number of cities without issue-until last summer.

Zapata and his co-laborers for Christ state that for the past two years they have been met with regular opposition from the Englewood Police Department for their outreach outside of the abortion facility, being threatened them with tickets and arrest for preaching on the public sidewalk, parking their car at the library across the street, or other alleged infractions.

“I feel that the city of Englewood got together with the abortion mill to try to drive us out of there by giving us petty citations,” he said.

Last August, the sign on Zapata’s truck became the latest source



of contention. According to Zapata, Englewood police officer Mark Van Wormer approached him as he was exiting his truck, and demanded that he removed his signs, which quoted *John 8:24* and *Numbers 32:23*. He told Zapata that he needed a permit to display the sign on his vehicle and that he would have to take it down.

“I said, ‘Permit for what? ... It’s a religious sign,’” Zapata told Christian News Network last year following the incident. “I said, ‘It’s screwed into the truck.’ And he said, ‘I don’t care. You have to take it down.’”

One of the men with Zapata then called an attorney, who advised that they move the vehicle for the time being.

“I asked the officer, ‘Can I move the truck a block away from the clinic?’ He said, ‘Move it,’” Zapata explained. “So, I got in the truck and moved it a block away from the clinic.”

But some time later, Van Wormer returned with another officer and ordered him to provide his license and registration as he proceeded to write a ticket, threatening to write a second ticket if he sees the vehicle again.

So, the men left and contacted their attorney for further assistance. Zapata stated that Van Wormer did not cite any law that he was violating until he wrote it on the ticket. The men then looked up the ordinance and discovered that it was under a section entitled “temporary permits for advertising on vehicles.”