

January 21, 2018

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD
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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service - 7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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FOR US THE SAVIOR BLED

Tune: "America The Beautiful," (CM/Double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

To save us from eternal death
Christ suffered in our stead;
The Son of God laid down His life,
For us the Savior bled.
For us He bore the wrath of God,
The awful agony;
To rescue us from guilt and shame,
From sin to set us free.
For us He shed His precious blood,
For us the judgment bore;
The Lamb of God was sacrificed,
To save us evermore.
God's justice can demand no more,
The law is satisfied;
For us He was the Substitute,
And we are justified.

The empty tomb of Christ proclaims,
Redemption's work is done;
The debt of all His chosen race,
Was cancelled by God's Son.
For us the Savior reigns above,
Through Him all blessings flow;
And soon for us the Lord shall come,
Then to Him we shall go.

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"Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness" (Psalm 97:12).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 21 Jessica Fain
22 Bob McSweeney
23 Karen Smallwood

Jan. 26 Anitra Morgan
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WHAT CAN I DO?

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). We know not how much capacity for usefulness there may be in us. That ass's jawbone lying on the earth, what can it do? Nobody knows. It gets into Samson's hands. No one knows what it cannot do now that a Samson wields it. And you have often thought yourself to be as contemptible as that bone. You have said, "What can I do?" But when Christ by His Spirit grips you, what can you not do? Truly you may adopt Paul's language and say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

—John Newton

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THE BEST OF MEN ARE MEN AT BEST

"While He yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him" (Matthew 17:5). Let us see in these words a striking lesson to the whole Church of Christ. There is a constant tendency in human nature to "hear men." Bishops, priests, deacons, popes, cardinals, councils, preachers, and ministers are continually exalted to a place which God never intended them to fill, and made practically to usurp the honor of Christ.

Against this tendency let us all watch, and be on our guard. Let these solemn words of the vision ever ring in our ears, "Hear ye Him." The best of men are only men at their very best ...patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, church fathers, reformers, puritans; all, all are sinners who need a Savior. They may be holy, useful, honorable in their place; but they are sinners after all. They must never be allowed to stand between us and Christ. He alone is the Son, in whom the Father is well pleased. He alone is sealed and appointed to give the bread of life. He alone "holds the keys of death and hell" in His hands. Let us take heed that we hear His voice, and follow Him. Let us value all religious teaching just in proportion as it leads us to Jesus. The sum and substance of saving religion is to "hear ye Him!"

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THE SECURITY OF THE RIGHTEOUS

If the Lord has brought you to believe on His Son, to trust Him alone for all of your righteousness, acceptance and salvation, you may rest assured that He will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). The prophet of the Lord says of the church of Christ Jesus, "And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken" (Isaiah 62:12). "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved (preserved, kept safe) by His life" (Romans 5:10). It is written in Romans 8:32, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Of the Savior we read, "Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them to the end" (John 13:1). If the Lord sent His Son to die in your place when you were ungodly, you will never be forsaken because you are made the righteousness of God in Christ. If He cared for you when you were "dead in trespasses and in sins," do you think He will abandon you now that you are born from above? If the Lord was found of you when you sought Him not, will He hide Himself from you when you seek His face? If the Savior suffered divine vengeance in your stead when He bore your sins in His own body on the tree, do you imagine He will desert you and charge those sins back to your account? If God, in pure grace and with no consideration of your works, chose you unto salvation and wrote your name down in the Lamb's Book of Life before the world began, do you suppose that, due to your sinfulness, He will disown you and erase your name from the heavenly register? The Psalmist said, "The LORD will give grace and glory" (Psalm 84:11). He would never give grace but then withhold glory because grace is glory in the promise and glory is grace in its fulfillment. Grace is glory in the seed and glory is grace in full bloom. May God graciously give all who believe on the Name of the Son of God that sweet assurance of eternal acceptance in our Redeemer, "Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:30-31). "And ye are complete in Him" (Colossians 2:10).

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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Due to Adam's disobedience, I was legally considered and constituted by God to be a sinner. Due to Christ's obedience unto death, I was legally considered and constituted by God to be a saint. I was made unrighteous in the one and I was made righteous in the Other (Romans 5:19). I am a sinner due to the fall of Adam; I am a saint due to the sacrifice of the last Adam.

—Pastor Jim Byrd