

February 25, 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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(webcasting live during listed service times)  
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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**ALL GLORY TO THE LORD**

Tune: "There Is a Fountain," (CM/double)  
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Let all who trust the Savior's Name,  
Sing praises to the Lord;  
May He alone be magnified,  
By all the church adored.  
Behold what love and grace is this,  
That He for us would die?  
Amazing pity, Jesus came,  
God's law to satisfy.

The sins of all His chosen ones,  
On Him were made to meet;  
And by His sacrificial death,  
Redemption was complete!  
Behold He ever lives above,  
For us to intercede;  
Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life,  
For all His chosen seed.

Soon He shall come with trumpet sound,  
And all the world shall see;  
That Jesus is the Lord of lords,  
And praise His majesty.  
So saints of God with heart and voice,  
Unite with one accord;  
Exalt our Savior, God and King,  
Sing praises to the Lord!

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Feb. 25 Crystal Osburn  
28 Leta Picklesimer  
Rita Meek

Feb. 28 Ethan Patel  
March 1 Rachel Walker  
3 Judy Caudill

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"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).  
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**THE PRIVILEGE OF GOD'S CHILDREN**

The children of God stand in a much nearer relationship to the Lord than even the angels on high. Yes, those glorious creatures are without sin, but we stand before God in the spotless righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. They call Him Lord and Master; we call Him Lord, Master **and** heavenly Father! He calls them His servants; He calls us His servants **and** children. They see His face, yet must maintain a reasonable distance from His noble throne. His redeemed children have boldness to "enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus" (Hebrews 10:19). "Come boldly to the throne of grace" (Hebrews 4:16).  
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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**MY TIMES**

"My times are in Thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me" (Psalm 31:15). In 1825, William Freeman Lloyd wrote the following words.

*My times are in Thy hands; my God, I wish them there;  
My life, my friends, my soul I leave entirely to Thy care.*

*My times are in Thy hands, whatever they may be;  
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright, as best may seem to Thee.*

*My times are in Thy hands; why should I doubt or fear?  
A Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear.*

*My times are in Thy hands, Jesus the crucified;  
Those hands my sins had pierced are now my guard and guide.*

*My times are in Thy hands; I'll always trust in Thee;  
And after death at Thy right hand, I shall forever be.*  
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**THE ABSURDITIES OF FREE-WILL**

Free-will brings with it so many absurdities that it cannot be received.

First. It makes man the cause of his own salvation.

Second. It puts grace into man's power, not man's will under the power of grace.

Third. It robs God of the honor of making one to differ from another, and ascribes it to man. "For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it" (1 Corinthians 4:7).

Fourth. It allows man a liberty of boasting to God, saying, "God, I thank Thee that Thou gavest me power to will (yet Thou gavest that to Judas as well as me), but I thank myself for the act of willingness, seeing I received from Thee no more than Judas did."

Fifth. It exempts the creature from the power of God, as if man, spider-like, could spin a thread out of his own bowels whereof to climb to heaven.

Sixth. It maketh man the cause why God willeth this or that; so God must attend on the will of man, and not be infallible in His decrees, not working all things according to the counsel of His own will (Ephesians 1:11; Psalm 115:3).

Seventh. Then the apostle James lied in saying "every good gift" is from God (James 1:17); and Paul also was mistaken in Romans 9:11; he should have said, "It is of man that willeth and runneth," and not, "Of God that sheweth mercy."

From An Antidote to Arminianism by Christopher Ness, first printed in 1700.  
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The following words are from the Memoirs of Augustus Toplady, dated, Wednesday, December 30, 1767. (Edited for length and updated English.) "Who am I, O Lord? The weakest and the vilest of all Thy called ones; not only the least of all the saints, but the chief of sinners. My short-comings and my mis-doings, my unbelief and lack of love would sink me into the nethermost hell were not Jesus my righteousness and my redemption. There is no sin which I should not commit, were it not for Jesus. Lord, when shall I resemble Him and have all the mind that was in Him? It will be when I see Him face to face, which God will hasten, in His time."