

March 11, 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
INTERNET: SermonAudio.com
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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service - 7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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DYING IN JESUS

Tune: "Stand Up for Jesus," (76.76. double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd
When sinners die in Jesus,
They are forever blest;
Though absent from the body,
They with the Savior rest.

"Come home," the Master called them,
They left this world below;
To dwell with Him forever,
The Lord who loves them so.

Redeemed by price and power,
Christ saved them by His grace;
And now they are in glory,
Beholding His dear face.

Now far removed from sickness,
From sinfulness and strife;
They dwell in heaven's glory,
With Christ, the Light of life.

Though we shall miss them sorely,
We would not wish them back;
For dwelling with their Savior,
'Tis nothing they shall lack.
To those who die in Jesus,
Their death is gain not loss;
For all their debt was cancelled,
By Christ upon the cross.

Let each of us consider,
When comes our time to die;
Will we too rest with Jesus,
And dwell with Him on high?
May God in mercy grant us,
That we to Christ would flee;
Who saves unworthy sinners,
For all eternity.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 14 Kerri Edwards

March 16 Cheryl Absher

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"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:15-16).

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Our sincere sympathy is extended to Betty Carroll and family upon the recent death of her husband Charlie. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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May God give us grace to see that Christ is the sum and substance of the Scriptures. All promises are in Him, all righteousness is in Him, all of redemption was dependent upon Him, and all the marvelous doctrines of this book lead to and are centered in Him. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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THE BIBLE: NO ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

(Read Revelation 22:18-19.) This restriction is like a flaming sword to guard the Scripture from profane hands. Such a fence as this God set about the law (Deut 4:2) and the whole Old Testament (Malachi 4:4), and now in the most solemn manner, about the whole Bible assuring us that it is a book of the most sacred nature, divine authority, and lasting importance and therefore under the peculiar care of the great God. —Copied

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FIVE QUOTES ABOUT THE BIBLE by Martin Luther

"As we go to the cradle only in order to find a baby, so let us go to the Scriptures only to find Christ." "In the Bible we find the swaddling clothes and the manger in which Christ lies." "Every word in the Bible points to Christ." "I see nothing in Scripture except Christ and Him crucified." "Take Christ out of the Scripture and what will you find remaining in them?"

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An aged saint was critically ill. When a dear friend came to visit him, the child of God said, "Read to me out of the book." His friend asked, "Which book do you mean?" "There is only one true and faithful book, the Word of God," the dying man said.

He was absolutely right. There is but one book that deserves to be called the book. Let each of us devote our lives to the book of books, the Holy Scripture. This is the book to live by and the book to die by. This is the book of HISTORY – HIS-STORY - the story of the Lord Jesus Christ. It tells of His glorious person, His life of perfection, His successful, justice-satisfying death on the cross to put away the sins of His people, His resurrection, His righteousness freely imputed to all of His people, His ascension back to heaven, His enthronement, His ongoing intercessory work, His continual providential rule over all creation and His second advent when He will come to judge the quick and the dead according to the standard of righteousness (Acts 17:31). Read the book of God to be wise unto salvation, believe its gospel to be rescued from sin and shame, and rest fully on its promises to the people of God in order to live a life of peaceful contentment. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE

Christianity is the religion of a Book. Christianity is based upon the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture. The starting point of all doctrinal discussion must be the Bible. Upon the foundation of the Divine inspiration of the Bible stands or falls the entire edifice of Christian truth. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3). Surrender verbal inspiration and you are left like a rudderless ship on a stormy sea, at the mercy of every wind that blows. Deny that the Bible is, without qualification, the very Word of God, and you are left without any ultimate standard of measurement and without any supreme authority. It is useless to discuss any doctrine taught by the Bible until you are prepared to acknowledge, unreservedly, that the Bible is the final court of appeal. Grant that the Bible is a Divine revelation and communication of God's own mind and will to men, and you have a fixed starting point from which advance can be made into the domain of truth. Grant that the Bible is (in its original manuscripts) inerrant and infallible, and you reach the place where study of its contents is both practicable and profitable.

—A. W. Pink