

July 15, 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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(webcasting live during listed service times)
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service—7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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SING PRAISE TO GOD

Tune: “Love Lifted Me”

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*I was lost without a hope, helpless and dead in sin,
Separated from the Lord, guilty and vile within;
But the Lord in sovereign grace, purposed to save my soul;
Sent His Son to pay my debt and make me whole.*

*CHORUS: Sing praise to God, sing praise to God,
For sending Jesus Christ, sing praise to God;
Sing praise to God, sing praise to God;
For sending such a Gift, sing praise to God.*

*Jesus came to save the lost, God’s sacrifice was He,
He redeemed us by His blood, poured out on Calvary;
What a wondrous Substitute, justice is satisfied,
Who can lay a charge against us Christ has died?*

CHORUS:

*Let us bless the Son of God, worthy of praise is He,
May His Name be magnified throughout eternity;
Come ye ransomed of the Lord, lift up your voice and sing,
Praise the One who saved your soul, praise Christ the King.*

CHORUS

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“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered” (Psalm 32:1).

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In two weeks, the last Sunday of this month, we will partake of the Lord’s Supper at the close of the morning worship service and then have lunch together. Please sign the lists on the front table indicating the foods you will bring. There will be no evening service on that Sunday.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*July 17 Colin Whitt
18 Justin Turner
19 Jamie Horan
Isaiah Stettner*

*July 20 Kevin Cunningham
Kyleigh West
Garrett Turner
21 Donna Williams*

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PRICELESS!

Approximately five hundred years before our Savior was born, there lived in Greece a man by the name of Zeuxis. He was a famous painter who made his home in Ephesus. He was especially gifted in painting lights and shadows. Though none of his works remain today, in his time his paintings were highly prized. Toward the end of his life, in an amazing display of generosity, Zeuxis began refusing to accept any money for his works and simply gave them away. When asked why he would do such a thing he gave this reply, “I make presents of my pictures because they are too valuable to be purchased. They are above all price.”

We read in 2 Corinthians 9:15, “*Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.*” The apostle also tells us in Romans 8:32 that our gracious God “*spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*” The eternal Son of God and all of the riches of grace which we have in Him are far too precious to be earned; they are above all price. Christ and the mercies of God which come with Him are too glorious and too wonderful to ever be purchased by sinful man. But, bless the Name of God, though we cannot merit or buy them, God is graciously pleased to bestow them freely upon a multitude of undeserving sinners. God has graciously given us His Son and eternal salvation in Him. He has justified us “*freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*” (Romans 3:24). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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WHAT’S BEYOND THE DOOR?

A dying man asked his Christian doctor to tell him why he believed that death is not the end. The doctor replied, “Because Christ, my Redeemer, is risen from the dead, and because He lives, I will live forever.” The man then asked him to tell him something about the place to which he was going. As the doctor fumbled for a reply, he heard a scratching at the door, and he had his answer. “Do you hear that?” he asked his patient. “It’s my dog. I left him downstairs but he has grown impatient and has come up and hears my voice. He has no notion what is inside this door, but he knows that I am here. He does not know what lies beyond the door, but he knows that his master is there. It is the same with me. Heaven for me is to be with Christ.” —copied

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“AN OFFERING UNTO THE LORD”

(Leviticus 1:2)

The blood of the Savior, that is, His substitutionary death, was offered to the Lord as the payment price for the sins of His chosen people. You will notice in the Old Testament that every sacrifice, every offering was presented to the Lord for His acceptance. “*If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD*” (Leviticus 1:2). It is written that even Cain “*brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to the LORD*” (Genesis 4:3), though his offering was rejected because there was no blood, there was no satisfaction of justice, there was no death of an innocent victim in the stead of the guilty. The point is, however, his offering was rendered “*to the LORD.*” No offering was ever brought to a man for his acceptance or rejection. All of the sacrifices were for the Lord, offered in compliance to His command in order to appease His wrath, each being a picture of the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ. When the Savior died, His death was for God. Christ laid down His life so the Father could be “*a just God and a Saviour*” (Isaiah 45:21). The Lord could only show mercy to the undeserving and declare them to be righteous upon this basis - He had to do something for Himself. God had to satisfy the requirements of His own law and justice, which He did in the death of His Son. There could be no salvation for the guilty apart from the cross-death of Christ. “*Without shedding of blood is no remission*” (Hebrews 9:22). By His death the Savior secured our peace with God. “*And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven*” (Colossians 1:20).

Let it be clearly understood, therefore, that the power is in the blood alone - “*for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul*” (Leviticus 17:11). Man’s faith doesn’t add to the blood, activate the blood, assist the blood, empower the blood or give validity to the blood. The blood of Christ is not up for man’s acceptance or rejection. His blood was offered to God who accepted it as full payment for the indebtedness of His people; this is evident from the Savior’s resurrection, ascension and enthronement. The success of the soul-cleansing blood of Christ, therefore, is not conditioned upon the sinner’s repentance or faith being added to it. Such is the power of the blood that repentance and faith flow from it and regenerated sinners look to the blood of Christ alone as the remedy for their sinfulness, as the reason for the forgiveness of their sins and as the means whereby a holy God can declare them to be righteous. —Pastor Jim Byrd