

October 28, 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.
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WORTHY THE LAMB

Tune: "O for a Thousand Tongues," (CM)
Words by Isaac Watts, 1709

Come let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"To be exalted thus;"

"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,
"For He was slain for us."

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and pow'r divine;
And blessings more than we can give,
Be Lord forever Thine.

Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth and seas;
Conspire to lift Thy glories high,
And speak Thine endless praise.

The whole creation joins in one,
To bless the sacred Name;
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

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"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Oct. 30 Phyllis Payne
Nov. 1 Micah Sanders

Nov. 3 Madge Roach

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Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday morning. Set your clocks back an hour Saturday night and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

Reminder: If you have a new or changed phone number and want that number to be included in the "one call" announcement system please let the church office know as soon as possible.

Our annual Bible conference begins in a little less than two weeks. Pastors Tim James and Gary Shepard will be preaching for us. Services start at 7:00 PM Friday, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM Saturday and 10:00AM Sunday; there will be no evening services Sunday night. We plan to eat together following the Friday night, Saturday morning and Sunday morning services. There are signup sheets for food and help cleaning up on the front table. Thank you in advance for your help. Be prayerful that the Lord would be magnified and our hearts would be refreshed from these special meetings.

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SINFUL IN SELF: RIGHTEOUS IN CHRIST

"Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation" (Exodus 34:7). Note well that powerful statement that Jehovah will "by no means clear the guilty." God will not clear the guilty. Pause, my soul, over these solemn words! Will not Jehovah clear the guilty? And are you not guilty? How then will you come before God, either now or hereafter? Hearken, my soul, to what your God has also said; "deliver him from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom" (Job 33:24). Oh! soul-reviving, soul-comforting words! Yes, Jesus became my Surety, took my guilt and bought me out of the hands of law and justice. God has not, therefore, cleared the guilty without getting full satisfaction from the sinner's Surety. Therefore, the double claim of justice and grace demands the sinner's pardon. Here then, my soul, rest your present and everlasting plea. Keep up a daily and hourly remembrance of it at the mercy seat. While Jesus lives and lives there as your Advocate, never doubt your acceptance in the Beloved. Guilty as you are in yourself, yet you are spotless in Him. The same God which made Jesus to be sin for you, Who knew no sin, makes you the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).
—Robert Hawker, edited

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TRUE CONVERSION

As Paul and Barnabas journeyed from Antioch to Jerusalem, they visited with believers along the way and shared with them the wonders of what God was doing for sinners by His almighty, effectual grace through the preaching of the gospel. "...Declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren" (Acts 15:3). These conversions were the turning of the hearts of many from idolatry to worship the God of heaven and earth through Christ the Lord. Undoubtedly, the preachers spoke of the almighty power and grace of God which was at work within the hearts of sinners bringing them to forsake all hope of self-salvation and cast themselves upon the mercy of God in Christ. "For ye were as sheep going astray: but are now returned (converted) unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25). We know this about the conversion experience, if it is brought about by the persuasive power, manipulating tactics or clever words of a preacher, it wasn't a genuine conversion from death to life, from error to truth, from darkness to light and from idolatry to the worship of the true God. However, if people are brought to see their awful sinfulness, realize their need of righteousness before a holy God and their inability to produce what God demands, and if they have been brought to flee for refuge to the Lord Jesus Christ whose blood redeemed sinners from the curse of the law and whose imputed righteousness satisfies the demands of the Father, such a conversion is the work of the Lord Himself. Upon hearing of a true conversion, the saints of God today, like those in Phenice and Samaria, rejoice in the goodness and grace of the Lord to undeserving sinners.
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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REAL GRACE

Most preachers are preaching against sin without declaring the true nature and character of God, and it just comes out as do's and do not's and decisions and reformations. The whole process is merely peripheral. Their message reaches only to that which they have done, and consequently, that which THEY can change. They have never seen what they are and that which NO MAN can change. Such religion breeds self-righteousness and makes converts who DO NOT NEED the full, free justifying righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Just give them a plan, a proposition, a few things to do, a few rules to follow, a few commandments to keep, and they rest very comfortably. You will hear them talking about grace, but all the while they are thinking about what THEY have done or are doing; and this is contrary to grace! True grace brings a true knowledge of God, a true knowledge of self (sin) and leaves the sinner's attention focused upon true righteousness through the doing and the dying of the Lord Jesus Christ, righteousness which is obtained through faith alone – a sinner trusting Christ.
—Maurice Montgomery