

December 2, 2018

TODAY: 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.
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CHRIST ONLY

*Tune: "O For A Thousand Tongues," (CM)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd*

*My heart upon Christ Jesus rests,
No other One can save;
I trust the blood and righteousness
Of Him the Father gave.
He suffered awful agony,
And died upon the tree;
To satisfy a holy God,
He bled and died for me.*

*The precepts of God's rigid law
The Savior satisfied;
My countless sins were washed away,
When in my place He died.*

*Through life and death and endless days,
Christ only is my plea;
I know that He will keep me safe,
For all eternity.*

*So join and sing this song with me,
Of praise to Christ our Lord;
His name above all names shall be,
Forevermore adored.*

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"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God" (Psalm 42:11).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*Dec. 2 Carol Gregg
3 J.T. Horan
4 Stan Terry*

*Dec. 4 Avery Edwards
7 Alyce Davidson*

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There are only two alternatives: either God rules over all things or He does not. There is no middle ground. If God rules, then He is God indeed, but if He does not rule, then He is not God and someone else rules. Is it man? Is it the devil? Either God is sovereign over everything, including man and his will, or else man and his will is sovereign over God. Either God is sovereign over all things, including the devil and his will, or else the devil and his will is sovereign over God. Either God dominates, or He is dominated; either God reigns or is reigned over; either God controls all things, or something controls God. Rather than listen to what men say about the authority of God, why not take heed to what the Word of God says. *"For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places"* (Psalm 135:5-6). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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"He will be very gracious unto thee; at the voice of thy cry, when He shall hear it, He will answer thee" (Isaiah 30:19). Mark, my soul, what is here said; for every word in this sweet scripture speaks. Your God, your Saviour, your Jesus knows your voice, hears your cry and will assuredly answer. He will not only be gracious, but *"very gracious."* He waits to be gracious; waits the most suited time, the best time, the praying time, the crying time; for He times His grace, His mercy, to your need. And though you know it not, yet so it is; when His time is near at hand, which is always the best time, He puts a cry in your heart; so that the time of your cry, and the time for the manifestation of His glory, shall come together. Is not this to be gracious; yea, *"very gracious?"* So that, while you are looking for Him, He is looking on you. And before you call upon Him, He is coming forth to bless you. Is not this *"very gracious?"* Now then, my soul, make a memorandum of this for any occasion which may hereafter occur. Put it down as a sure, unerring truth; your Jesus will be *"very gracious"* unto you. Never allow this promise to be called into question. Next, bring it constantly into use. Faith, well-grounded faith in Jesus, should always bring down general rules to particular cases and circumstances, as the soul's experience may require. Hence, when God saith *"He will be very gracious unto thee,"* it is the act of faith to answer—if God has said it, so it shall certainly be.

—Robert Hawker, edited

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OUR GOAL

What is the goal of the Thirteenth Street Baptist Church? It is, quite simply, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, maintaining the purity of this glorious message of sovereign grace and in so doing, our desire is to glorify the name of our great God and King. We proclaim the truth, being ever prayerful for the conversion of sinners. We declare that salvation is of the Lord, according to His eternal purpose of grace. We affirm Jesus Christ to be the mighty Savior Who, by His life, death and resurrection, satisfied all the requirements of divine justice for those for whom He was the Substitute. He reconciled His chosen people to God by His *"obedience unto death, even the death of the cross"* (Philippians 2:8). He has, therefore, been exalted as Lord over all. We rely upon the Holy Spirit to apply the Word of grace to ransomed sinners. In short, we seek to glorify the Lord our God; all that we do is with this one goal in view. Having a larger congregation is not our goal. Making our church more appealing to the natural man is not our goal. We are not trying to manipulate or sneak up on unsuspecting sinners with the intent of getting them to make a religious decision. We have no interest in the approval of other preachers or churches. That which we seek is the glory of God. We declare His supremacy in creation, providence and in the kingdom of grace. We proclaim the preeminence of Jesus Christ. In His High Priestly prayer, our Savior said that as a reward for finishing the work the Father sent Him to do, *"Thou hast given Him power over all flesh that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him"* (John 17:2). It is our duty to preach the glorious person of Christ, His successful accomplishment of redemption, and then command sinners to believe on the Name of the only begotten of the Father. We rely upon the Spirit of God to do His work in the hearts of the needy. It is by His power the spiritually dead are quickened and brought to rely on Christ for forgiveness of sins and a right standing before a holy God. If the Lord is pleased to reveal Himself to someone's heart, we will ascribe all glory to Him for that salvation freely given through the blood and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Simply put, ours is a singular goal, to give God the glory for all things. —Pastor Jim Byrd