

January 20, 2019

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.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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BEHOLD THE GRACE OF GOD

*Tune: "This is My Father's World," (SM/double)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd*

*How could a holy God,
Whose glory we extol;
How could He ever save the lost,
Forgive and make us whole?
For sins against His law,
Could not unpunished go;
But God in everlasting grace,
Purposed His grace to show.*

*Behold the grace of God,
The Father sent His Son;
For needy sinners Jesus came,
For rebels, lost undone.
Behold the Son of Man,
Condemned and led away;
To die upon a rugged cross
For sheep that went astray.*

*Redemption's work is done,
The Savior bled and died;
And with His sin-atonement death,
Our God is satisfied.
Christ took our guilt and sin,
And suffered in our stead;
His blood has washed away our stain,
Christ for His people bled.*

*The Savior rose again,
He conquered death and hell;
Ascended high, He ever reigns,
Who can His glories tell?
Christ is the Conqueror,
Our Brother and our Friend;
Our Mediator, God and King,
Whose praise shall never end.*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*January 20 Hanna Stettner
21 Jessica Fain
22 Bob McSweeney*

*January 23 Karen Smallwood
26 Anitra Morgan
Madigrace Kuehne*

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These words were spoken by Augustus Toplady (author of "Rock of Ages") shortly before he died from tuberculosis.

"Oh, what a day of sunshine this has been to me! I want (lack) words to express it - it is unutterable. Oh my friends, how good is God! - almost without interruption, His presence has been with me! What a great thing it is to rejoice in death! Christ's love is unutterable! Oh what delights! Who can fathom the joys of the third heavens! I cannot find words to express the comforts I feel in my soul! They are past expression. The consolations of God to such an unworthy wretch are so abundant that He leaves me nothing to pray for but a continuance of them. I enjoy a heaven already in my soul. My prayers are all converted into praise. Nevertheless, I do not forget, that I am still in the body, and liable to all those distressing fears which are incident to human nature, when under temptation, and without any sensible divine support; but so long as the presence of God continues with me in the degree in which I now enjoy it, I cannot but think that such a desponding frame is impossible."

He then asked his friends, who had been praying for his recovery, "Can you give me up?" They all answered, "Yes," to which he replied, "I bless the Lord you are brought so cheerfully to part with me and give me up into the hands of my dear Redeemer! It will not be long when God will take me for no mortal man can live (bursting into tears of joy) after the glories which God has manifested to my soul." He closed his eyes and fell asleep in the Lord Jesus.

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The regenerating grace of the Holy Spirit will cause a man to rejoice in the pardon of sin through the blood of Christ, but it will not cause him to be careless in his lifestyle so as to live without consideration for the glory of God and the reputation of the gospel. The Spirit's work will give him rest in his soul that all is well between him and a holy God because redemption has been accomplished by the Son of God, but it will not lead him to be indifferent about his soul's eternal welfare. It will cause him to rejoice that he has a good hope through grace, but it will not make him any the less watchful for his safety. Every saved sinner is overwhelmed that he should be an object of the free and sovereign grace of God, yet none will ever turn away from this admonition, "*Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall*" (2 Peter 1:10).
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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PIETY

Some talk of "Piety!" Piety! Piety! Piety! Were it not that it does once occur in the Word of God, I should hate the very word. People make so much of it, as though piety were to save them. Their parents were pious, they were brought up pious, and they have continued pious. But even where the word does occur in the New Testament (1 Timothy 5:4) it simply means kindness, as the margin has it—let them show kindness at home. The word has nothing to do with salvation.

True religion humbles a sinner. Angels assemble together in the court of heaven and rejoice over brokenhearted sinners. O then, to rely upon Christ, to plead His love and blood, and to lean upon Him and upon Him alone and not upon your own repentance; this is the effect of grace. It is said of some kind of stones that they will not break until they have been steeped for a certain length of time in goat's blood; this may be so, but whether or not, it is so with your adamant (unyielding) hearts. Nothing will break them but being steeped in blood, the blood of the Scape-goat of the wilderness.
—William Gadsby

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"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones" (Zechariah 13:7).