

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

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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"Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto Thy works. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name. For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone" (Psalm 86:8-10).

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**OUR DEBT IS PAID**

Tune: "Am I A Soldier" CM Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

To God we owed a debt for sin,  
One which we could not pay;  
But Jesus came and by His blood,  
Washed all our debt away.

O precious, cleansing fount for sin,  
Our debt the Savior paid.  
What wondrous wisdom, grace and love,  
Are in His death displayed.

The great redeeming work was done,  
"It's finished," Jesus cried;  
And with His sacrificial death,  
The law was satisfied.

Believing Christ has borne away,  
Our sin and misery;  
We trust the Word of God which says,  
We're saved eternally.

"Worthy the Lamb Who once was slain,"  
Sings all the ransomed throng;  
"Thou hast redeemed us unto God,"  
Shall be our endless song!

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We have some Bibles and very good books for sale in the office, including a few new titles, some in large print. See Susannah for your Bible or book needs. We also have a lending library, feel free to come in and browse. Books for sale are on the left shelf, books to lend on the right.

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**SALVATION IS BY GOD'S CHOICE**

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in His presence" (1 Corinthians 1:26-29). It is undeniable that some are saved and some are not saved. Some believe on the Son of God to the salvation of their souls and when they leave this world they are, as Paul said, "absent from the body and present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). Others, however, remain unrepentant, unbelieving and die in their sins to be confined to the King's prison forever. Who makes the difference between those who enter into everlasting glory and those who must endure everlasting condemnation? Why is it that some, upon their death, are carried by angelic hosts, like Lazarus (Luke 16:22), into a land of delight, love and worship and yet others, when they die, are whisked away by divine justice to bear the never-ending horror and suffering of divine wrath? We know the unrighteous perish in their sins because they refuse to bow before, believe on and render worship to the Lord Jesus Christ; everlasting judgment is their due reward. But, since no sinner, left to himself, will ever choose salvation by grace and come to Christ (John 5:40; 6:44), why is it that some do believe on the Lord Jesus? Whose will reigns supreme in salvation - man's or God's? Surely the inspired words of Paul settle the issue once and for all. The text that heads this article does not say "man hath chosen," as though any man determines his own destiny. Surely if the Word of God says something once, it is enough and if twice, it is highly significant, but if the Word says something three times, is that not convincing and does it not settle the case? Three times it is written in this passage, "God hath chosen, God hath chosen, hath God chosen." The salvation of sinners is traced to the electing grace of God and He Alone receives the glory.

--Pastor Jim Byrd

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### THE OLDEST BOOK

It was said by Sir Francis Bacon, that "old wood is best to burn, old wine best to drink, old friends best to trust and old books best to read." What tremendous value scholars put upon an ancient manuscript! Doubtless, the oldest of all manuscripts is the Lamb's Book of Life and the writing our names therein, was the firstborn of all God's favors. If God sets a value on the firstfruits of our services, how careful should we be to magnify the firstfruits of His goodness! If old charters be of so great esteem as they are in the world, what an immense estimate should we set upon the most ancient Magna Charta of our eternal election, having this seal, "the Lord knoweth them that are His" (2 Timothy 2:19).

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### INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLIES

For these six thousand years God has been multiplying pardons, and yet free grace is not tired - Christ undertook to satisfy, and He hath money enough to pay. It were folly to think that an emperor's revenue will not pay a beggar's debt. Mercy is an ocean, ever flowing yet ever full. Free grace can show you large accounts and a long bill cancelled by the blood of Christ.

--Thomas Manton, Puritan preacher

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### HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

"Let your ear hear the Word of His mouth" (Jeremiah 9:20). Many are not profited by the Word because it does not penetrate them, but is like water flowing down a slab of marble. Truth must soak into a willing, hungry heart if it is to bless and accomplish God's purpose in your life. Oh, may the blessed Spirit give you a sweet receptiveness of the Truth, otherwise it is to no avail to hear it. Put aside your prejudices, your tradition, your pride and hear the Lord speak through His Word. When you know that it is the Word of God, it may upbraid you, it may cut you deeply, it may momentarily stun you, but you will receive it with meekness if you are wise. "Receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). Is it not a blessed time when the wounded Savior comes in contact with a wounded heart? The door of heaven is open to those who sit at the Lord's feet and learn of Him.

--Henry Mahan, from our bulletin, 11/6/1955

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He that is down needs fear no fall,  
He that is low, no pride;  
He that is humble ever shall  
Have God to be his Guide.

--John Bunyan