

**MARCH 8, 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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*“Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in His commandments”* (Psalm 112:1).

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**HALLELUJAH, PRAISE THE SAVIOR**

Tune: “Brethren We Have Met to Worship” 8.7.8.7. double Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Hallelujah, praise the Savior,  
For in old eternity;  
He our Surety pledged to save us,  
He from sin would set us free.  
Lo! Christ left His throne of glory,  
Came into this world of woe;  
Satisfied His law and justice,  
To pay all the debt we owe.

Hallelujah, praise the Savior,  
By His blood and agony;  
He redeemed His chosen people,  
Fully won the victory.  
Jesus bruised the head of Satan,  
Put away iniquity;  
Reconciled us to the Father,  
When He died on Calvary.

Hallelujah, praise the Savior,  
On Him all our hopes depend;  
Prophet, Priest and King of glory,  
He’s our ever-living Friend!  
He has robed us in His garments,  
And in heav’n we soon shall be;  
Then with all the ransomed army,  
Praise His Name eternally.

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We welcome Brandan and Cole Kraft into the fellowship of our church.

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Let all the children of God keep in mind that our chief business on earth is the same as it will be in heaven, to magnify the glorious name and proclaim the successful work of redemption by our Lord Jesus Christ. *“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing”* (Revelation 5:12).  
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**MERIT OR MERCY?**

Merit is sought by self-righteous Pharisees, but mercy is craved by those who have been convinced by the Holy Spirit of their unrighteousness. An old servant of the Lord was desperately ill and hovered on the brink of eternity. A preacher from another community came to visit him, presumably, for one last time; he sought to encourage and admonish his dying friend. “Brother John,” he said, “as you will soon see the dear Savior face to face, is it not comforting to your soul that you can look back upon a lifetime of faithful service rendered to the Lord?” The old missionary replied, “I have done nothing myself. I have not fought, but Christ has fought for me; I have not run, but Christ has carried me; I have not worked, but Christ has wrought through me. I have done nothing. Christ has done it all. I have no merits; I seek only His mercy.”

Let us ponder these verses whenever we are tempted to think we have done anything for the Lord worthy of recognition or merit. *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”* (Galatians 2:20). *“But by the grace of God I am what I am: and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me”* (1 Corinthians 15:10).

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God oweth no man grace. For how can God become debtor to him who hath nothing to give first, that it might be recompensed to him again? Nay, what can God owe him, who hath nought of his own but sin and untruth? Whosoever therefore is made partaker of grace, ever oweth and ever payeth thanks to God only. *“For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counsellor? Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen”* (Romans 11:34-36).  
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**WE GLORY IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

*“But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord”* (1 Corinthians 1:30-31). Am I made wise unto salvation? Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, He is my wisdom. Am I righteous in the sight of God? Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, He is my righteousness. Not obtained by my works, but by God’s free gift. Am I sanctified, that is, am I holy? Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, He is my holiness. It is through the faith of Him, by the gift of the Spirit, that I have any drops from the fountain of His blood to wash away my guilt and to cleanse my soul. Have I faith in, and hope of complete redemption from all misery to all happiness? Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, He is my redemption – He hath bought me – He hath conquered for me. In whom then should I glory but in the Lord Jesus Christ alone? He is all my wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. *“It pleased the father, that in Him should all fulness dwell”* (Colossians 1:19). It pleased the Spirit to bear witness of and to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ only. Shall we glory in the fruits of the Spirit as the foundation of hope and the cause of our acceptance with God? That were to deceive ourselves. The Holy Spirit produceth no fruits in us to this end. This is contrary to His office – it inverts the economy of the covenant – makes

faith void – and turns the eye of the soul to somewhat within us, instead of the Lord Jesus Christ crucified for us. But, by the Spirit, we glory in the Savior alone. By faith in precious promises, we pray to be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by the Lord Jesus Christ. To what end? That we should glory in the flesh because of these? No, but to the glory and praise of God.  
--William Mason (edited)

To glory in ourselves we're prone, because we're vain and full of pride;  
Lord keep this vaunting spirit down, in Thee to boast, and nought beside.

What Jesus is of God to me, and not what in myself I am;  
Shall all my glory daily be, that I am righteous in the LAMB.