

Thirteenth Street Baptist Church

MARCH 29, 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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SING THE PRAISES OF THE SAVIOR

Tune: “Come Thou Fount” 8.7.8.7. (double) words by Pastor Jim Byrd

You who trust the great Redeemer,
Sing of Him who saved your soul,
By His sacrifice for sinners,
He restored and made us whole.

Praise Him for His grace and favor,
Praise Him for His loving care;
None could rescue us but Jesus,
Who with Him can e’er compare?

Lo! He left His throne of glory,
Came into this wilderness;
Came to save His chosen people,
Came to bring in righteousness.

Sing the glories of the Savior,
Magnify the Lamb who came;
Let our voices join together,
To exalt the Savior’s name.

For our sins the Savior suffered,
He was bruised and crucified;
With His blood He sealed our pardon,
“It is finished,” Jesus cried.

God in justice saves His people,
For the law was satisfied;
Now there is no condemnation,
Christ our Substitute has died.

What though we be weak and sinful,
Jesus is our mighty Friend;
He Who shed His blood to save us,
Will preserve us to the end.

Sing unto Him hallelujahs,
Let us all His Name adore;
Soon in heaven we shall see Him,
There to praise Him evermore.

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“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand”
(Isaiah 53:10).

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TRUST

“In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us. Selah” (Psalm 62:7-8). The command to the children of the Lord is *“trust (lean on, have confidence) in Him at all times.”* Faith is an abiding duty and a perpetual privilege. It is regrettable, however, that those of us who are the people of God do not trust Him as we should and make no mistake about it, unbelief is a terribly sinful thing. To believe the Lord and His unfailing promises to be with us and support us is honoring to Him, but distrust is horribly dishonoring. A childlike reliance on Him is pleasing to the Lord. It is always true that he who trusts the most worries the least and he who trusts the least, worries the most. Where there is continual confidence in the Lord, there will be constant peace in the heart that all things are under the dominion of our great God and Savior. Christ said, *“Come unto Me and I will give you rest”* (Matthew 11:28). Let us realize our place of everlasting safety and security in Christ Jesus our Covenant-Head who called us unto Himself. In these days of calamity, may our hearts be established with grace and be restful and not anxious; our Savior is the Sovereign over all things.

-Pastor Jim Byrd

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GOD’S GREATEST GLORY

God is infinitely holy in His being and righteous in all His ways. Man is full of depravity; he is sinful within and without. Well might Bildad ask in Job 25:4, *“How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?”* Behold the God of infinite wisdom. He took the sins of His people and laid them upon the only acceptable and suitable Substitute of sinners, the Lord Jesus Christ and He died in the stead of the guilty. It was only in that way the justice of God could be satisfied and sinners who deserved to die could be declared *“the righteousness of God in Him”* (2 Corinthians 5:21). *“O the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out”* (Romans

11:33).

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THIS IS THE COMMAND OF GOD

My commission is to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified. *“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”* (Mark 16:15). No mandate was ever given to the servants of God to entertain, please or pacify sinners in their unbelief and rebellion against Christ. My goal is not to convince you to feel good about yourself. I am not a motivational speaker; I am a gospel preacher. My job is to declare in no uncertain terms the free and sovereign grace of God to undeserving sinners through the blood and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. I will endeavor to preach earnestly and sincerely with the prayer that you come to a knowledge of God in Christ Jesus, but, God helping me, I will not compromise the message of grace. My desire is to exalt Jehovah. Seek the Lord and worship Him alone. I cannot save your soul nor convince you of the truthfulness of this gospel. I will not ask you to walk the aisle and make a decision for Jesus. It is not to me that you must come, it is to God through Jesus Christ the Lord. At the end of the message we will not sing an “invitation song” so you can come forward and meet with me. After I preach the gospel, there is no more I need to say; go home and get alone with God. I cannot give you hope, peace, forgiveness or assurance, but He can, by His Spirit through His Word. I do not call upon you to accept Jesus as your personal Savior. I do not ask you to make Him the Lord of your life. Jesus Christ is Lord by God’s decree (Acts 2:36) having earned that right as the perfect God-Man who finished the work of redemption the Father gave Him to do. He was *“obedient unto death, even the death of the cross”* (Philippians 2:8). He is already your Lord whether you recognize that fact or not (Romans 14:9). I find in the Scriptures that you will either bow to and believe on Christ in this life, by the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit and be eternally saved, or you will be forced to bow and acknowledge His Lordship at the judgment and then be cast into hell forever (Philippians 2:10-11). Contrary to what anyone might tell you, Jesus Christ is not in your hands to do with as you choose. He is the Potter and you are

the clay; He will do with you as He pleases (Romans 9:21-24). I declare to you the divine edict: "*Believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ*" (1 John 3:23). My warrant for preaching the gospel and yours for believing this gospel are the same: this is the command of G o d . -Pastor Jim Byrd
