

APRIL 19, 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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“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High: to shew forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night” (Psalm 92:1-2).

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THE LORD MOST HIGH OUR REFUGE IS

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To every sinner saved by grace,
Who dwells within the holy place;
You shall abide beneath the wings,
Of Him whose praise the angels sing.

The Lord most High our refuge is,
The peace is ours, the shelter His;
Our trust is in the Lord alone,
Who is the church’s corner stone.

Exalted high upon His throne,
Christ reigns in glory all His own;
All through the day and through each night
Our Savior reigns with sovereign might.

So let us rest with confidence,
Upon our Lord’s omnipotence;
He rules the world with prudent skill,
All things obey our Savior’s will.

Be still in heart and rest content,
And do not fear the things He’s sent;
All things for good will work for you,
For Christ the Lord will bring you through.

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OUR SPEECH

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” (Colossians 4:6). When Paul wrote those words, he was not just urging us to talk ABOUT the grace of God (this we will do), he is telling us that our speech and general conversation should reveal the grace of God in us and be, as one writer said, “good to the ear and a blessing to the heart.” Hard words reveal a hard heart; unkind, cutting remarks reveal a bitter spirit; cursing reveals an unregenerate soul. Grace is to the speech what salt is to meat – it makes it acceptable, profitable and useful! Grace in the heart will not only determine WHAT WE SAY, but also HOW WE SAY IT. There are plenty of folks who have made a study of the doctrines of grace whom we avoid because they usually manage somehow to offend, hurt and uselessly wound even the Lord’s people. God forbid that we should add to the burdens and sorrows of God’s children by our sharp tongues!

--From our bulletin, 2/2/1997, Henry Mahan

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I am persuaded that every true servant of Christ must be a man of one idea, and that idea is CHRIST! He must belong to the very oldest school—the school of CHRIST; he must be as narrow as the truth of God; and he must, with stern decision, refuse to move one hair’s breadth in the direction of this infidel age.

--C. H. Mackintosh, 1820-1896

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“If I knew I were one of God’s elect, I would come to Christ; but I fear I am not.” To you I answer, nobody ever came to Christ because he knew himself to be one of the elect. It is quite true that God has of His mere good pleasure elected some to everlasting life, BUT THEY NEVER KNEW IT UNTIL THEY BELIEVED IN CHRIST. Christ nowhere commands the elect to come to Him. He commands ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL. The question for you is not, “Am I one of the elect?” but, “Am I a sinner?” Christ came into this world to save sinners.

--Robert M. McCheyne

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DO NOT DISPUTE DIVINE PROVIDENCE

How thankful we are that the Lord our God has given the management of this world and all things in it over to the hands of our triumphant Savior. Since all things are under His sovereign authority, let each of His children be content knowing that, as the redeemed of the Lord, all the concerns of our lives are in the hands of Him whose blood washed away all our sins and in whose righteousness we forevermore shall stand! The hands pierced for our redemption are actively engaged to work all things together for the welfare of His people. Yes, all things are in His hands, where else would you want them to be? Would you want them to be in your hands and under your control? Do you have the power and the wisdom to manipulate every event and circumstance and make them all work in harmony for your good? No you do not, but HE DOES! Never be downcast or unhappy in spirit or entertain the foolish notion that if things were

in your hands, you would change them. Would you? Is not that a sinful thought that you could do a better job of controlling all the affairs of your life than your beloved Savior? I remember reading the words of Martin Luther upon hearing the fretting and murmuring of his friend Philip Melancthon. Philip was despondent and complaining about the safety of the saints of God in Germany. Luther said to him, "Let Philip cease to rule the world!" By those words he gently rebuked his friend; stop thinking that if you were in control, things would be different. If the Lord, in His infinite wisdom, had determined that your circumstances needed to be otherwise, they would be! It is a common sin among the people of God to fret at divine providence. Remember the design of providence; it is to bring about the gracious purpose of God for you, His child, a purpose which was ordained before God ever made this world. Will the Lord bring you needless pain? Would He, without good reason, put you through a trial of your faith? Could He possibly have determined that which would ultimately work to your destruction? You know the answers to these questions, don't you? He would never harm one of His little ones. O my dear brother or sister in Christ, resign all things over to Christ Jesus, after all, they are governed by Him anyway. You will be much more content in this world if you could, by His enabling grace, obey the words of the apostle Peter. "*Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you*" (1 Peter 5:7). Let us say, as did Eli, "*It is the LORD: let Him do what seemeth Him good*" (1 Samuel 3:18).
--Pastor Jim Byrd

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Coming to Christ not only involves the abandoning of every false object of confidence, it also includes the forsaking of all other competitors for my heart.
--A. W. Pink