

**February 5, 2017**

TODAY: Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.  
Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD  
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(webcasting live during listed service times)  
WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.  
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**DECLARE THE GLORIES OF GOD**

*Tune: "O for a Thousand Tongues," (CM)*

*Words by Pastor Jim Byrd*

*O may the praises of the Lord,  
From every heart arise;  
Declare the glories of our God,  
Who dwells above the skies.  
  
Sing of His great creative work,  
By Him the heav'ns were made;  
Proclaim the wonders of His might,  
Who earth's foundation laid.  
  
Adore mysterious providence,  
By Him all things consist;  
Extol His purpose, wise and good,  
Who can His will resist?  
  
Behold Jehovah's greatest work,  
Salvation by His grace;  
Christ Jesus paid the ransom price,  
Of all His chosen race.  
  
Declare the praises of our God,  
Let none refuse to sing;  
Affirm the greatness of the Lord,  
Give glory to the King!*

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*"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen" (Jude 24-25).*

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

*February 5 Chris Spence  
6 Laura Sanders*

*February 8 Doug Hennig  
11 Shane Pennington*

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**WHERE IS SALVATION TO BE FOUND?**

Salvation is not to be found in the church for the church consists of sinful men and women called out of darkness into the marvelous light of the gospel of Christ Jesus. The church cannot grant remission of sins or give to anyone that righteousness which God demands. Salvation is not to be earned by good works for it is written *"there is none that doeth good, no not one"* and *"not of works lest any man should boast"* (Romans 3:12; Ephesians 2:9). Where then is spiritual and eternal salvation to be found? *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12). These inspired words were spoken by Simon Peter to the Sanhedrin who summoned him to appear before them. Word had reached them that a lame man had been healed by Peter who commanded the man to rise up and walk *"in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth"* (Acts 3:6). They had also heard that five thousand men had believed on the name of Christ (Acts 4:4). It was before this council that Peter proclaimed these words. There is no doubt of Whom He was speaking. *"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom ye crucified, Whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the Stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the Head of the corner"* (Acts 4:10-11). God the Father resolved in His eternal purpose to save a vast multitude of Adam's fallen race and appointed His Son to be their Savior. Christ is not one of many ways of salvation and He is not one of many Saviors. He is not one of many foundations upon which to build. He is *"the Way,"* and He is *"the Rock."* *"...Neither is there salvation in any other."* All who are saved, are saved in Christ, by Christ and through Christ and He alone shall receive all the glory for their salvation. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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**"SO MANY HYPOCRITES"**

"I don't go to church because there are so many hypocrites in the church." "My life is as good as most church people!" These are common statements heard every day - to which I reply: "Don't judge the Lord by the faults of His people and don't judge the whole body by the faults of some." It is our responsibility to worship and follow the Lord Jesus, not men. If our brethren have faults, let us pray for them and patiently bear their infirmities as we ask them to overlook ours. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ welcomes all who are lame, halt and blind. We look not for a perfect church this side of heaven. It is better to sit beside the hypocrite in church than to suffer with him eternally. —Henry T. Mahan

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**THE ENCOURAGING DOCTRINE OF ELECTION**

If the Word of God did not teach that some sinners were chosen unto salvation, there would be no reason to expect that anyone would ever believe the gospel because the Master said, *"No man can come to me except it were given him of My Father"* (John 6:65). Had the Lord not determined some sinners to be the objects of His saving grace, none of our race would have been rescued from the fall because we all died in Adam. However, since God ordained a people to eternal life before the foundation of the world and these were redeemed by the blood of Christ, then I am heartened in preaching the gospel. God will save *"the vessels of mercy, which He has afore prepared unto glory"* (Romans 9:23) from their sins and He will use the preaching of the gospel to accomplish His eternal purpose. He will bring every sinner chosen unto salvation to trust His Son who died to rescue them from sin and shame. The Lord Jesus said of those that the Father gave Him in covenant mercy, *"they shall all be taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me"* (John 6:45). The Psalmist proclaimed, *"Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power"* (Psalm 110:3). Election is not a discouraging truth and it does not stifle evangelism; it makes us optimistic in our labors for we are assured of the certain triumph of the gospel. The Lord said of His Word, *"it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it"* (Isaiah 55:11). The Lord is bringing chosen sinners to trust the dear Savior. Nothing can prevent the success of His purpose of grace. The Surety of the covenant declared, *"I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"* (Matthew 16:18).

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**IT MEETS MY NEED**

Why do I love this gospel of God's free and sovereign grace to sinners in Christ Jesus? This gospel meets my every requirement; it suits the needs of this bankrupt, helpless sinner. The gospel demands nothing of me, but supplies every spiritual and eternal need for me. It announces the glad tidings that everything required to make me pure and righteous before God, my perfect Substitute has accomplished. The gospel doesn't command me, "Do this or that," but sweetly proclaims, *"It is finished."* The gospel declares that my eternal Surety has met every requirement stipulated by God for my salvation. Do I need my sin put away? Christ *"appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself"* (Hebrews 9:26). Do I need righteousness? *"God hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* (2 Corinthians 5:21). Do I need a Mediator between me and a holy God? *"For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus"* (1 Timothy 2:5).

—Pastor Jim Byrd