

March 12, 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.  
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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### **JESUS BORE THE WRATH OF GOD**

Tune: "Amazing Grace," (CM)  
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*How blest are they whose sin and guilt  
Are fully washed away;  
No fear have they of wrath divine  
When comes the Judgment Day.*

*Offended justice fell on Christ,  
Who for the guilty died;  
And by His bloody sacrifice,  
Poor souls are justified.*

*With Christ the perfect sacrifice,  
Our God is satisfied;  
The Savior magnified the law,  
When on the cross He died.*

*Since Jesus bore their load of sin  
Upon the rugged tree;  
The ransomed of the Lord are safe  
For all eternity.*

*How can we know that Jesus died  
And suffered in our place?  
'Tis in this way, if we by faith,  
The Son of God embrace*

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*"Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O LORD,  
forever" (Psalm 93:5).*

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### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

March 14 Kerri Edwards  
16 Cheryl Absher

March 18 Mikey Horan

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### **ONE SAVIOR**

If you look to your repentance and faith for acceptance with God, you will die in your sins. Men tend to run to one or the other as the foundation for salvation, instead of fleeing to Christ and His redemptive work. They look to what they have done, what they have felt or what they have experienced, rather than looking to the Lord of glory. These are fatal mistakes! To be sure, I would never minimize the importance of true repentance, genuine belief and the reality of experiencing an inward work of grace. Bless the name of our merciful Lord, He gives grace to turn from our idols and dead works, grants faith to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King and brings us to rejoice in Christ Jesus and His substitutionary sacrifice for salvation. Still, neither repentance, faith or experience are Saviors. There is but one Savior from sin and His name is Jesus Christ. He is the only Mediator between a holy God and sinful men. He Alone bore the sins of His people and endured the wrath of God in their stead. Christ satisfied offended justice by His substitutionary sacrifice. Full and free salvation is to be found only in Him. When conscious of, and troubled by, guilt and sin, I must not retreat to my repentance, faith nor a historical experience for comfort and assurance. I must flee again to the blessed Redeemer Himself. My refuge and hope is not in what I have done, but in Who He is and what He has accomplished. In salvation it is always true, "Christ is all" (Colossians 3:11). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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### **WHO HAS THE PREMINENCE?**

*"I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not" (3 John, verse 9). "And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18).*

The word "preeminence" means prominent or superior above others. There is a world of difference in the above verses and the unity, harmony and success of any church or home lies in who has the preeminence. Diotrephes and Christ cannot both have preeminence. This self-love principle must be slain. From it arises self-pity, self-righteousness and selfishness. I, me and mine are the three worst enemies you and I have. When these are defeated and Christ the Lord has preeminence, then God's proper order is in effect. There is no discord where Christ has preeminence, but all trouble comes when another tries to take His place.

—Henry Mahan, From our bulletin, May 5, 1957

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### **TRUE PRAYER**

It is impossible to truly pray without the triune God. We pray to the Father, through the person and merits of the Son by the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit.

The Father's presence is sought in secret. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret" (Matthew 6:6). "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers" (1 Peter 3:12). We are in constant need of His grace and mercy, consequently we pour out our hearts to Him in prayer.

The only basis upon which we draw near to God is the person, excellence and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is because He is our High Priest that we are admonished to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). The Savior instructed His disciples to pray declaring "whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13). We must approach the Father in, through and by Christ. "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

All true prayer is initiated by the Holy Spirit who quickens us and gives the desire to seek the face of God in prayer. The Spirit sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts, He gives us a saving knowledge of Christ Jesus. He stirs our hearts to worship the Father and give thanksgiving unto the Name of that One who is the Fount of every blessing. He causes us to rest in the blood and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ and makes us to know our neediness of the spiritual and physical things for which we need to ask. The Spirit grants us liberty to come to the Father as His children and gives us faith to believe that the Father hears and answers our prayers for the Son's sake. He is the Helper of our infirmities. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).

What then is prayer? It is the heart-cry of a child of God unto the Father, through the blood and righteousness of Christ by the power and influence of the Holy Spirit.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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*Not all the outward forms on earth, nor rites that God has given,  
Nor will of man, nor blood, nor birth, can raise a soul to heaven.  
The sovereign will of God alone creates us heirs of grace,  
Born in the image of His Son, a new peculiar race.*

*The Spirit, like some heavenly wind, blows on the sons of flesh;  
Creates a new – a heavenly mind, and forms the man afresh.  
Our quickened souls awake and rise from the long sleep of death;  
On heavenly things we fix our eyes, and praise employs our breath.*

—Isaac Watts, 1729