

**March 19, 2017**

TODAY: Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD  
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.  
Message by PASTOR ALLAN ISON  
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WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Message by ELDER RON TRABANDT

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**GRANT THY SALVATION**

*Tune: "Take My Life," (7.7.7.7.)*

*Words by Pastor Jim Byrd*

*Come Jehovah with us meet,  
As we worship at Thy feet;  
Here we are assembled now,  
Prostrate Lord we humbly bow,  
Prostrate Lord we humbly bow.*

*Thou art God and Thou alone,  
Reigning on Thy sovereign throne;  
Thou the Potter, we the clay,  
Grant us mercy Lord we pray,  
Grant us mercy Lord we pray.*

*Show us Jesus is our plea,  
Who once died on Calvary;  
Speak the Word that we may live,  
Through His blood our sins forgive,  
Through His blood our sins forgive.*

*May Thy glory fill this place,  
Grant to us Thy saving grace;  
Thine the praise shall ever be,  
Now and for eternity,  
Now and for eternity.*

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*"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee" (Proverbs 4:23-24).*

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

March 20 Linda Atkinson

21 Nancy Gullett

March 22 Judith Profitt

25 Dan Busch

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Nancy and I will be out of town most of this week; we will return Friday afternoon. Allan Ison will be speaking tonight and Ron Trabandt Wednesday night.

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**SPIRITUAL REST**

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).* What is the nature of this rest Christ gives to all who come to Him? The Greek word expresses something more than rest, or a mere relaxation from toil; it denotes refreshment likewise. A person weary with long bearing a heavy burden will need not only to have it removed, but likewise he wants food and refreshment to restore his spirit and to repair his wasted strength. Such is the rest of the Gospel. It not only puts a period to our fruitless labor, but it affords a sweet reviving cordial. There is not only peace, but joy in believing.

—John Newton

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The greatest judgment which God Himself can, in this present life, inflict upon a man is to leave him in the hand of his own boasted free-will.

—Augustus Toplady

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To believe God is no small thing. It is the evidence of a heart reconciled unto God; it is the proof of our being weaned from our own works and deeds; it is a clear sign of the true conviction of sin; it is honoring to Christ, our only Redeemer; it is the essence of true worship; and it is the root of sincere obedience.

—Henry Mahan

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Christianity is the religion of a Book. Christianity is based upon the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture. The starting point of all doctrinal discussion must be the Bible. Upon the foundation of the Divine inspiration of the Bible stands or falls the entire edifice of Christian truth. *"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"* (Psalm 11:3). Surrender the dogma of verbal inspiration and you are left like a rudderless ship on a stormy sea, at the mercy of every wind that blows. Deny that the Bible is, without any qualification, the very Word of God, and you are left without any ultimate standard of measurement and without any supreme authority. It is useless to discuss any doctrine taught by the Bible until you are prepared to acknowledge, unreservedly, that the Bible is the final court of appeal. Grant that the Bible is the Divine revelation and communication of God's own mind and will to men, and you have a fixed starting point from which advance can be made into the domain of truth. Grant that the Bible is (in its original manuscripts) inerrant and infallible, and you reach the place where study of its contents is both practicable and profitable.

—A.W. Pink

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**ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS**

*"But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" (Hebrews 10:12-14).* The Son of God came into the world to accomplish the salvation of those the Father gave Him in electing grace before the world began. *"Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).* In order to carry out this great task, Messiah said, *"A body Thou hast prepared me" (Hebrews 10:5).* In that body, ordained by the Father and formed by the Holy Spirit, the God-Man showed His qualification to save His people by completely obeying the law of the Lord. Having lived a life of perfection, He offered Himself, body and soul, as the sacrifice to offended justice so that God might be *"a just God and a Savior" (Isaiah 45:21).* Since the iniquities of His elect were *"laid upon Him" (Isaiah 53:6),* the law of God found Christ Jesus guilty and executed Him because *"the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).* By His sufferings and death, divine justice was satisfied making it just for them to be forgiven of their sins and declared righteous by God. Because of the cross of Christ, all those for whom He was the Substitute are freed from the law and its condemning power. Our Lord's dying declaration stands as a lasting memorial of His victorious work: *"It is finished" (John 19:30).* Reconciliation to God and redemption from the curse of the law were accomplished by the triumphant Savior. Those who were set apart and entrusted to Him in covenant love were *"justified by His blood" (Romans 5:9)* for He was *"delivered for our offenses and raised again for (because of) our justification" (Romans 4:25).* When it pleases God, Christ will be revealed in these vessels of mercy (Galatians 1:15-16). They will be brought by the Holy Spirit to turn from every false way (repentance) and believe the gospel of grace. Their only plea before God for salvation, forgiveness, righteousness and everlasting life will be the person and work of *"the only Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).*

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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I have been often struck with the conduct of blind Bartimaeus. When *"many charged him to hold his peace, he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me" (Mark 10:48).* Why was this? Truly he had a deep sense of his loss of sight, and by faith he saw Jesus able to restore it. See the consequence of this importunate cry. Did the sun stand still at the word of Joshua? Behold, at the cry of Bartimaeus the Lord and Creator of all the host of heaven *"stood still" (verse 49).* Jesus knows the cry of His own Spirit; He will hear it, and help the soul that utters it. *"His ears are open to our prayer" (1 Peter 3:12).*

—William Mason