

March 26, 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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WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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JEHOVAH CAME IN HUMAN FLESH

Tune: "There Is A Fountain," (CM/Double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*In bondage, guilt and helplessness,
Poor wretched sinners lay;
Without one ray of hope within,
Like sheep we went astray.
But God in lovingkindness cared,
This fills us with relief;
He sent His dear beloved Son,
To bear our sin and grief.*

*Jehovah came in human flesh,
He dwelt among the lost;
Then to the cross the Savior went,
And paid our ransom cost.
O praise the Lord for with that death,
Our God was satisfied;
Christ honored justice and the law
Was fully magnified.*

*What matchless wisdom was displayed
In Jesus crucified;
And all for whom He bled and died,
Were saved and justified!
Since brought to see His glories we
In Him alone find rest;
And all who know Him savingly
Are in His beauty dressed.*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 26 Joe Turner
Tom Morgan
27 Cortney Price

March 28 Bill Fliehman
April 1 Connie Sexton

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"O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1).

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Men love to talk about evolution for they can look at the apes and say, "look how far we have come." When men acknowledge, however, the clear declaration of Genesis 1:27, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them," then they must hang their heads in shame and disgrace, confessing, "look how far we have fallen!"

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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THE OPERATION OF THE SPIRIT

"No man can come unto me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). It is by the secret and effectual operation of the Spirit that the Father brings each of His elect to a saving knowledge of Christ. No sinner ever comes to Christ until the Holy Spirit first comes to him! And no sinner will savingly believe on Christ until the Spirit has communicated faith to him (Ephesians 2:5, 8; Colossians 2:12); and even then, faith is an eye to discern Christ before it is a foot to approach Him. There can be no act without an object, and there can be no exercising of faith upon Christ till Christ is seen in His excellency, sufficiency and suitability to poor sinners. *"They that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee"* (Psalm 9:10). But again, we say, that knowledge must be a spiritual and miraculous one imparted by the Spirit. The Spirit Himself must take of the things of Christ and show them unto the heart. The opening of his eyes precedes the conversion of the sinner from Satan unto God (Acts 26:18). The light of the sun is seen breaking out at the dawn of day, before its heat is felt. It is those who "see" the Son with a supernaturally enlightened understanding that "believe" on Him with a spiritual and saving faith (John 6:40). —A. W. Pink

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What the sun is to the day, what the moon is to the night, what the dew is to the flower, such is Jesus Christ to us. What bread is to the hungry, clothes to the naked, the shadow of a great rock to the traveler in a weary land, such is Jesus Christ to us. What the husband is to the spouse, what the head is to the body, such is Jesus Christ to us.

—C. H. Spurgeon

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THE NECESSITY OF LIFE

Neither the peal of thunder nor the most beautiful music in the world affects a dead man. He is altogether unmoved by either one. The problem is certainly not in the dreadful noise of the clashing of the clouds nor in the soothing sounds of a glorious concert; the trouble is with the man. He has no ability to hear or to respond; he is dead. Even so, though you proclaim to a sinner the thunder of Mount Sinai or declare the rapturous glad tidings of a crucified Redeemer, neither the threats of the law nor the mercies of the gospel will have any lasting effect on him. The defect is not in the law, for it is good and holy, and the fault does not lie with the gospel, it is that wonderful declaration of what God in Christ has done for unworthy sinners. The problem is that the sinner is without spiritual life and, therefore, any heart-response to either the law or the gospel is an impossibility. The man is not fearful of the one nor joyful about the other; he is spiritually dead. Do you not see the necessity of the regenerating work of the Spirit of God? *"Ye must be born again."* —Pastor Jim Byrd

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"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26-27).

There is no middle path to heaven—there is no intermediate state between hell and heaven; no purgatory for that numerous class who think themselves hardly good enough for heaven, yet hardly bad enough for hell. No; there is no intermediate road nor state. We must win Christ as our own most blessed Jesus, and with him enjoy the happiness and glory of heaven, or sink down to hell with all our sins upon our head beneath his most terrible frown. The soul then that has been charmed with the beauty and blessedness of Jesus longs to win him, and that not for a day, month, or year, but for eternity; for in obtaining him, it obtains all that God can give the soul of man to enjoy as created immortal and for immortality. Under the influence of his grace, it feels at times, even here below, all its immortal powers springing forth into active, heavenly life, and looks forward in faith and hope to a glorious eternity, where it will be put into possession of the highest enjoyment which God can give to man, even union with himself by virtue of union with his dear Son, according to those wonderful words of the Redeemer himself — *"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us"* (John 17:21).

—J. C. Philpot

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Whatever comes in when thou goest to God for acceptance, besides Christ, call it antichrist; bid it be gone; make only Christ's righteousness triumphant. All besides that is Babylon, which must fall if Christ stand; and thou shalt rejoice in the day of the fall thereof.

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