

April 16, 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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CHRIST CONQUERED DEATH

Tune: "Ye Servants of God," (10.10.11.11.)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

We gather this day to honor the King,
Who sits on His throne, His triumphs we sing;
The Savior who died to atone for our sin,
Came forth from the tomb and He liveth again.

Christ Jesus the Lord the battle has won,
He died and arose, all praise to the Son!
He took on Himself all our debt to repay,
The sins of His people are all washed away.

To Jesus our Lord all honors we bring,
And say unto death, "Where now is thy sting?"
Enthroned in His glory, almighty to save,
Victorious His conquest o'er sin and the grave.

He conquered the grave and liveth above,
All praise to His Name, all power and love;
Made righteous in Jesus we someday shall rise,
To dwell with our Savior above earth and skies.

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"I will praise Thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations. For Thy mercy is great above the heavens: and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth" (Psalm 108:3-5).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 16 Betty Frazier
19 Scott Busch
Steve Malone

April 20 Tim McClean
Alex Gregg
21 Shelby Conley

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We will have a baptismal service next Sunday evening.

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In two weeks, on the last Sunday of the month, we will observe the Lord's Supper after the morning message and then have lunch together. Sign-up sheets for food are on the front table. There will be no evening service on that Sunday.

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Hell-deserving soul, what hast thou to boast of? Wherein canst thou glory? Are thou converted to Jesus? Study daily to give all the glory where only it is due, even to the boundless mercy of thy God. Wilt thou ever open thy mouth as to thy obedience, thy works of righteousness, by which thou hast obtained the prize? Ever know Jesus hath done all this, therefore grace freely flowed to thee. In the height of thy rebellion, in the death of thy destruction, the voice of eternal love spoke to thy soul. The power of almighty grace challenged thee as its blood-bought purchase; seized thee as its lawful captive and snatched thee as a brand from the fire of destruction (Zechariah 3:2).

O wondrous love! Should not amazement strike thy heart and the fire of love and gratitude ever burn in thy soul? What shall we say to these things? Truly grace that dwelt in God's heart from eternity, hath reached thy heart in time therefore art thou turned to Jesus by repentance and hast remission of sins through faith in His blood (Romans 3:25). This is given by the exalted Prince of grace and peace to thine heart. Hast thou love to holiness and hatred to sin? This is contrary to nature and is given through the grace of the Spirit. "By the grace of God I am what I am," is the confession of saints on earth (1 Corinthians 15:10). "By the grace of God I am where I am" is the triumphant song of the saints in heaven. For "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20). —William Mason, 1719-1791

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I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, Who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head!

—Samuel Medley

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WHAT THE RESURRECTION ANNOUNCED

By His substitutionary death the Lord Jesus satisfied infinite justice that demanded death for the sins of God's chosen people. The good Shepherd had laid down His life for the sheep (John 10:11) and "put away our sins by the sacrifice of Himself" (Hebrews 9:26). "By one offering He perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). What did His resurrection announce? It proclaimed the successful and completed redemptive work of Christ; it declared that God was satisfied with all that He did. The rolling away of the stone and His bodily exit from the tomb affirmed that Christ accomplished the Father's will of redemption, putting away the sins of His people and bringing in for them everlasting righteousness. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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Let men say what they will about making peace with God, being baptized to wash their sins away, living by the ten commandments or doing good works to enter into heaven, it still remains a Biblical fact that the only meeting-place between a holy God and a guilty sinner is at the cross of the Lamb of God. Only at that bloody sacrifice can the just Creator and a transgressor of His law meet without God being offended and without the sinner being consumed by the fire of divine indignation. The only thing that could honor the law of God was a perfect sin-offering and the only thing that could meet the needs of a guilt-ridden sinner was a suitable, perfect Substitute to die in his stead. God could not compromise or lessen His legal requirements and the poor sinner cannot satisfy the demands of justice. The sole meeting point between mercy, truth, righteousness and peace was in the cross-death of the perfect Savior (Psalm 85:10). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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Let me give you two brief but absolutely necessary ingredients for peace and assurance within your heart that all is well between you and a thrice holy God. [1] There must be all confidence in the person, the blood and the righteousness of Christ and [2] there must be no confidence whatsoever in the flesh. These two things are vital and without them there can be no real certainty in the soul of everlasting salvation. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance" (Psalm 89:15). Why is the gospel news of salvation called the "the joyful sound?" Because it is the vehicle of making known to us that God is love, and that He has (in the blood and righteousness of Christ) opened a channel for His love to exert itself in the salvation of the unworthy. The lost are found; the blind see; the deaf hear; the lame walk; the leprous are cleansed; the dead are made alive; and all "without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1). —Augustus Toplady