

April 2, 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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WE NEED THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Tune: "Come Thou Fount," (8.7.8.7.)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*God of grace and great compassion,
Hear us sinners as we pray;
Send to us Thy Holy Spirit,
As we gather on this day.*

*We are poor and wretched people,
Show us mercy is our plea;
We confess that we are helpless,
And appeal O Lord to Thee.*

*Thou hast taught us our condition,
That our hearts are hard as stone;
And that naught could ever melt them,
But the blood of Christ alone.*

*Plunge us in that crimson fountain,
Save us from our guilt and sin;
Come O Lord in mighty power,
Do a work of grace within.*

*Now we come to Christ the Savior,
O preserve us lest we stray;
Like the cloud and fiery pillar,
Lead us in the heav'nly way.
Keep us looking unto Jesus,
Till that day when we shall die;
When our souls shall leave these bodies,
Take us to Thyself on high.*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 2 Polly Flaming
5 Kristen Smith
Jessica Elliott
6 Diane Powell

April 6 Linda Black
Ava Rae Fain
7 Joshua Collins

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"Remember, O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O LORD" (Psalm 25:6-7).

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A SAVIOR BORN

"Unto you is born a Saviour which is Christ, the Lord" (Luke 2:11). This is the good news, that the Saviour born is none other than Christ, the Lord. There is no good news if He is not the Lord God! It is not good news that a great prophet is born. Moses was a great prophet but he is dead. It is not good news that another priest is born. Aaron was a great high priest but others have taken his place by reason of death. It is not good news that a good king is born, David was a good king but he sleeps even as do the wicked kings. But if you tell me that the one born in Bethlehem is none other than the eternal God Who is Prophet, Priest and King — that is good news! He ever lives to make intercession. He eternally reigns with all authority. He will never leave not forsake me. If, the God-Man is my Saviour — that is good news! —Henry Mahan

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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, 1709

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God's corrections are our instructions; His lashes are our lessons; and His scourges are our school-masters. Both in Hebrew and Greek, the word for chastening and teaching is the same. —Augustus Toplady

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THE SAVIOR

The heavenly messenger told Joseph the precious name by which the Savior would be called. *"Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins"* (Matthew 1:21). Christ alone is the Savior. *"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world"* (1 John 4:14). The Lord Jesus is not an assistant Savior; He didn't do His part in salvation and now the sinner must do his. NO! Christ did not come into this world to help us in saving ourselves. He did not leave the glories of heaven and stoop so low as to die the horrible death of the cross and then share the responsibility and the glory of salvation with sinners. He did not humble Himself and become obedient unto death in order to render everyone savable, nor did He die to make salvation a possibility. *"He shall save His people from their sins."* Well then, here is the question: was He successful in doing what He came to do? The prophet declared, *"He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His law"* (Isaiah 42:4). He could not fail for lack of strength or wisdom. He could not be discouraged by all the opposition against Him. His mission was to satisfy the justice of God for the sins of His people by the sacrifice of Himself. He came to establish righteousness for those the Father gave Him.

Christ is not a want-to-be Savior: He is the Savior who saved His people from their sins by His substitutionary sacrifice upon the cross. He is the very Savior we need for He is God and Man in one person. He is God to satisfy and do business with the Father for us, and He is Man to suffer, bleed, die, rise again and someday bring many sons unto glory (Hebrews 2:10). Salvation is of the Lord, from top to bottom. The Lord is Alpha and Omega in the salvation of sinners and He is everything in-between. *"To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen"* (Jude 1:25).

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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Mere outward reformation differs as much from regeneration as white-washing an old rotten house differs from pulling it down and building a new one in its place. —Copied

The gospel no more excuses sin than the law does. What is repugnant to the moral law of God is also contrary to the gospel of Christ. —Henry Mahan

Wherever divine providence leads us we may rest assured that there we will find sufficient grace for whatever befalls us. —Pastor Jim Byrd