

April 30, 2017

TODAY: Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Message by ELDER RON TRABANDT  
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 PASTOR JIM BYRD

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### THE DEATH OF CHRIST SATISFIED JUSTICE

Tune: "Majestic Sweetness," (CM)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

How can a wicked man be cleansed,  
From all his sinfulness?  
How can he stand before the Lord,  
In perfect righteousness? (Repeat)

Repentance cannot cancel guilt,  
Nor faith remove our sin;  
No tear can wipe away the stain,  
Or make us pure within. (Repeat)

The holy law of God demands,  
The soul that sins shall die:  
How then can any sinner live,  
For guilt we can't deny? (Repeat)

The God of glory magnified  
His justice, law and grace;  
When Jesus suffered on the cross,  
And took the sinner's place. (Repeat)

Since Christ our Savior died for us,  
The law is satisfied;  
It can require no more of Him,  
Nor those for whom He died. (Repeat)

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"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous" (Romans 5:19).

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### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 30 Ron Gregg  
Hank Pennington  
May 1 Tyler Collins  
Mica Stettner  
Dane Ferguson

May 2 Roy Dean  
3 Annie Smallwood  
4 Rhonda West  
5 Sean Cunningham

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We are postponing our observance of the Lord's Supper and our fellowship dinner, originally scheduled for today, until next week, May 7th. We will also be recognizing our high school graduates at that time. They are: Dan Busch, Caleb Malone and Michael Horan. We will be having services this evening with Pastor Allan Ison from Middlefork Baptist Church bringing the message. Thank you all for your patience, prayers, and concern during this time.

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By nature, we are strangers, yea, enemies to God; but we are reconciled, brought nigh to Him and made His children by faith in Christ Jesus. We can have no true knowledge of God, desire towards Him, access to Him or gracious communications from Him, but in and through the Son of His love. He is the Medium of this inestimable privilege, for He is the way, the only way of contact between heaven and earth: the sinner's way to God, and God's way of mercy to the sinner. If any pretend to know God and to have communication with Him other than by the knowledge of Jesus Christ whom He hath sent, and by faith in His name, it is a proof that they neither know God nor themselves. God, if considered apart from the revelation of Himself in the person of Jesus, is a consuming fire and if He should look upon us without respect to His covenant of mercy established in the Mediator, we could expect nothing from Him but indignation and wrath. But when His Holy Spirit enables us to receive the record which He has given of His Son, we are delivered and secured from condemnation; we are accepted in the Beloved; we are united to Him in whom all the fulness of the Godhead dwells and all the riches of divine wisdom, power and love are treasured up. Thus in Him, as the temple wherein the glory of God is manifested, and by Him, as the Representative and High Priest of His people, and through Him as the living Head of His mystical body the church, believers maintain communion with God. They have meat to eat which the world knows not of, honor which cometh of God only and joy to which a stranger has no right. They are, for the most part, poor and afflicted, frequently scorned and reproached, accounted hypocrites or fools; but this one thing makes amends for all, "They have fellowship with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3).  
—John Newton

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Nothing can my sin erase, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of work, 'tis all of grace! Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

—Robert Lowery, 1876

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### SIN AND ITS REMOVAL

Never think lightly of sin. What is sin? It is "the transgression of God's law" (1 John 3:4). It is man's futile effort to overthrow the authority of his Creator; it is his foolish declaration of independence from the triune God; "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us" (Psalm 2:3). It is the creature's vain attempt to murder the Lord. Every sin is an outright attack upon the sovereign authority of Jehovah.

What will it take to remove sin? It is for certain that though rivers of blood flowed from Jewish altars, yet all of the Old Testament sacrifices could not remove sin (Hebrews 10:4). Tears cannot wash it away, repentance cannot eliminate it and faith cannot get rid of it nor satisfy the justice of God which demands death for sin. "...The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). I say this most reverently - it is true that God created all things by the word of His power, "He spake and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:9) - yet even His omnipotent word could not command sin to be put away because sin cannot be taken away apart from satisfaction to His justice. How then can sin be removed? What can take it away so that it is separated from the sinner "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12), removed from the very remembrance of God (Hebrews 10:17), "blotted out like a cloud" (Isaiah 44:22) and so eradicated that even in the judgment when it is sought for, "there shall be none found" (Jeremiah 50:20)? How can sin be done away with? "Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin" (Hebrews 9:22). "...The blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). No wonder David prayed, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7). "In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).  
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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What an amazing truth – the Lord our God saves poor, undeserving sinners by His eternal purpose of grace through the person and work of His dear Son. Think of it, fellow believers: the Lord claims us for His portion (Deut 32:9); He considers us to be His jewels (Malachi 3:17); He declares that we are His adopted children (Romans 8:16; Eph 1:5). His glory is tied to our salvation and He has set out to save each of us, body and soul, from every effect of sin through the sacrifice of Christ, the ransom price being His blood of the everlasting covenant of grace (Hebrews 13:20). He is making all things work together for our spiritual good (Romans 8:28) and He proclaims to us, as to Abraham, "I Am thy Shield and exceeding great Reward" (Genesis 15:1). He keeps us as the apple of His eye (Zechariah 2:8), the very hairs of our head are numbered (Matthew 10:30) and He gives His Word that He will never leave nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). O how secure are the people of God and how jubilant we ought to be in this world! "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God" (Joel 2:23).  
—Pastor Jim Byrd