

May 14, 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.
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WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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GOD'S SOVEREIGN REIGN

Tune: "O For a Thousand Tongues," (CM)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Let every heart and voice unite
To sing our Maker's praise;
Extol the glories of our God,
And loud His anthems raise.

He works His perfect, holy will
Throughout His vast domain;
For time and all eternity,
God sovereignly shall reign.

All men and angels, demons too,
Accomplish His design;
For all creation works His will
To make His glories shine.

Bow humbly at the sovereign throne,
Of Him who is our King;
Come praise the Lord with heart and voice,
And of His greatness sing.

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The temple was a type of Christ, as it was a place where prayer was made and sacrifices were offered; so, in His human nature, the blessed Redeemer offered Himself up in sacrifice for our sins, and now intercedes for us at the right hand of God. As the temple was the place to which all the Jews were to resort, and in which they were to present their addresses to the Majesty of Heaven, Christ, in like manner, is He to whom we draw near by faith; in whose name we are to pray; and on whose availing merits we are to depend for every blessing, both of grace and of glory. —Augustus Toplady

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

May 15 Brent Busch

16 Joseph Burchett

May 17 Isaac Meek

18 Teresa Kuehne

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"How excellent is Thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings" (Psalm 36:7).

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Congratulations to Lindsey McSweeney who graduated from Marshall University with a degree in education.

The dates of our Bible School: Monday – Thursday, June 12-15. Our annual church picnic will be at Armco Park, on Friday, the 16th.

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"And there were also two other, (which were) malefactors, led with Him to be put to death" (Luke 23:32). In reading this verse, I beg the Reader to observe that a stop should be put after the word "other" for then the sense of the passage will be clear for the LORD JESUS Himself was no malefactor. He "did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth" (1 Peter 2:22). He stood forth indeed in the eye of the law, being the Surety of His people, and their Representative, as the greatest of all malefactors. Yea, JEHOVAH considered Him as such. But, though laden with the sins of all His people, yet there was no shadow of sin in Him. Sin was put upon Him, not in Him. The LORD laid on Him, it is said, the iniquity of us all, that is, the Church, Isaiah 53:6. Reader! Do you discover the blessedness of the distinction? If so, think how complete must be His sacrifice! For this purpose, GOD would have Him loaded with all sin and with all the possible shame of sin, as sin had made His Church marked to our shame, so CHRIST, the Surety, shall bear both. And hence the conclusion the HOLY GHOST makes from hence, for the everlasting joy of the Church. "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

—Robert Hawker

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"Thou shalt call His name JESUS; for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Jesus! It is the name which moves the harps of heaven to melody. Jesus! The life of all our joys. If there be one name more charming, more precious than another, it is this name. It is woven into the very warp and woof of our psalmody. Many of our hymns begin with it, and scarcely any, that are good for anything, end without it. It is the sum total of all delights. It is the music with which the bells of heaven ring; a song in a word; an ocean for comprehension, although a drop for brevity; a matchless oratorio in two syllables; a gathering up of the hallelujahs of eternity in five letters.

—C. H. Spurgeon

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THE GREEN TREE

"For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" (Luke 23:31). These words were uttered by our Savior to those who wept for Him as He made His way toward the place of crucifixion. Christ is the green tree, full of the sap of life, delightful and well-pleasing to the Father. He was pure in His nature, without sin in His life, harmless in His actions and perfect in all His ways. In and of Himself, He was not deserving of being cut down and cast into the fire of divine wrath. The agonies which awaited Him were brought about because the sins of His people were imputed to Him. The innocent Lamb of God had taken responsibility for the redemption of those given Him by the Father in the covenant of grace and the time had now arrived when He would retire our indebtedness by enduring divine wrath in our stead. Though He was the sinless One, yet when He bore our transgressions, He would not be spared the sword of judgment and He "died for our sins according to the Scriptures." We are assured from the Word of God that when Christ offered Himself as the sacrifice for our offenses, His people were redeemed by His precious blood (1 Peter 1:18-19). The just vengeance of God which fell upon the Shepherd who died as the Substitute for His sheep, will never fall upon those in whose place He died.

Now, if these things happened "in a green tree," that is, if the Father dealt so severely with Him Who had no inward guilt, no sins of His own, what will happen to those who leave this world laden with guilt and sin reigns within them? They are as dry trees, fit only to be cast away and forevermore endure the fiery indignation of God. In the destruction of the wicked we see the just consequence of having no Substitute, no Sin-Offering and no Mediator. What unspeakable horror awaits those who die clinging to their self-righteous rags and despising the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ. The cross-death of the Son of God stands as solemn proof that the God of the Bible must and will punish sin.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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Our great Savior came into this world, not to die for our righteousnesses, for we had none; He came to die for our sins. He did not come to deliver us because we were worth saving, but because we were utterly ruined, lost and undone. There was nothing within us to attract His love, so the reason for His coming to save us can only be found in the depths of His infinite love for His covenant people. He did not die for the godly, but for the ungodly; not for the righteous, but for sinners; not for good people, but for bad people; not for those who were friendly toward Him, but for His enemies. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15).

—Pastor Jim Byrd