

June 11, 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.

Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

INTERNET: SermonAudio.com

Visit our website at: www.13thstbaptist.org

(webcasting live during listed service times)

WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.

Message by PASTOR BILL PARKER

—O—

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Tune: "There is a Fountain , " (CM/Double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Thy work of providence O Lord,
Has brought us to this place;*

*May Thy great name now be adored,
Thou Giver of free grace.*

*'Tis not to honor flesh that we
Now join our hearts as one;*

*For we have come to worship Thee,
Through Jesus Christ Thy Son.*

*Unto the Father praises be,
For blessings numberless;*

For grace from old eternity,

Which we in Christ possess.

Thou art our hope and confidence,

Blest Lamb of Calvary;

For by Thy blood and righteousness,

We are from sin set free.

Thou Holy Spirit, heav'ly Dove,

We thank Thee for Thy grace;

Because of Thy great pow'r and love,

We now the Son embrace.

O triune God of earth and sky,

This is our one design;

Thy precious name to magnify,

May all the praise be Thine.

—O—

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

June 12 Clarence Wiseman

13 Dan Thomas

Kerry Lester

June 15 Maxine Fitzer

Kelsey West

—O—

Vacation Bible School for our young people, 3 years old thru high school, begins tomorrow morning and continues through Thursday: 9:30 – noon. Our annual picnic will be Friday at Armco Park, shelter #7 (note this is a different shelter than in the past years). There are sign-up sheets on the table in front of the pulpit for additional foods. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and drinks. We will begin serving at 5:00 p.m. and continue throughout the evening for those who cannot get there until later. Plan now to attend.

Pastor Bill Parker of Eager Ave. Grace Church in Albany, GA will be preaching at our mid-week service.

—O—

"I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. " (Isaiah 44:22).

—O—

THE SHEEP SHALL NOT WANT

"The LORD is my Shepherd I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). "I shall not want" is the inference drawn from "The LORD is my shepherd." "Want" means the same as "lacked" in Deut 2:7. "These forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing." The sheep shall lack for nothing because Christ is our Shepherd. He is certainly able to supply our needs for He is the Son of God and He is willing to do so as is evident in that He has laid down His life for the sheep to save us from our sins. Notice it is not "I do not want," but "I shall not want." The children of God shall never want for righteousness, for He is "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Jer 23:6) nor shall we ever want for forgiveness for "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). "The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing" (Psalm 34:10). We shall not want for spiritual food for His Word is our pasture and His promises the still waters that speak peace to our souls (verse 2). We shall not lack for salvation for "He restoreth my soul;" He is our salvation. We shall not lack for knowledge in the paths of truth and righteousness; He leads us to an understanding of the gospel (verse 3). We need not fear the shadows of death "for Thou art with me" (verse 4). Even when surrounded by enemies, His Spirit is with us to teach us and show us that "our cup runneth over" with all blessings in Christ (verse 5). We shall not lack for preservation for "goodness and mercy shall follow" us throughout our lifetime and we will "dwell in the house of the LORD for ever" (verse 6). The Lord is our Shepherd "from everlasting to everlasting." Let the sheep of His pasture be assured we shall never want for anything God demands nor anything He deems necessary for us to have during our journey to the land of promise.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

—O—

EXEMPTION FROM CONDEMNATION

"There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). The freedom of the believer is just what it is declared to be—entire exemption from condemnation. From all which that word of significant and solemn import implies, he is, by his relation to Christ, delivered. Sin does not condemn him, the law does not condemn him, the curse does not condemn him, hell does not condemn him and God does not condemn him. He is under no power from these, beneath whose accumulated and tremendous woe all others wither. A brief and simple argument will, perhaps, be sufficient to establish this fact. The pardon of sin necessarily includes the negation of its condemnatory power. There being no sin legally alleged, there can be no condemnation justly pronounced. Now, by the sacrifice of Christ, all the sins of the Church are entirely put away. He, the sinless Lamb of God, took them up and bore them away into a land of oblivion, where even the Divine mind fails to recall them. "How forcible are right words" (Job 6:25). Listen to those which declare this wondrous fact. "I, even I, am He that blotteth out your transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember thy sins" (Isaiah 43:25). "Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back" (Isaiah 38:17). "Having forgiven you all trespasses" (Colossians 2:13). "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 10:17). The revoking of the sentence of the law must equally annihilate its condemnatory force. The obedience and death of Christ met the claims of that law, both in its preceptive and punitive character. A single declaration of God's Word throws a flood of light upon this truth—"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13). —Octavius Winslow

—O—

A RETURN TO PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Henry Mahan

The most humbling and challenging thing that I face...the great concern of my heart...is that my generation experience a return to the preaching of the Gospel of God's grace. This generation is plagued with a gospel of works and are strangers to the gospel of redemption. I want a return to the message that takes away all of the glory and dignity of the flesh and proclaims the redemptive glory of Christ. The results of this message will be a sense of the awesome holiness of God, the inability and sinfulness of the flesh, and the total sufficiency of the Person and work of Christ. Perhaps once again we will hear men and women cry...

"Depth of mercy can there be, mercy still reserved for me?

Can my God His wrath forbear, and me, the chief of sinners spare?"