

June 4, 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.

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### **MY SHEPHERD IS THE LORD**

Tune: "Amazing Grace," (CM)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

My Shepherd is the Lord of hosts,  
He will supply my needs;  
He makes His sheep in pastures lie,  
And to still water leads.

The Shepherd Who restored my soul,  
Directs the way I take;  
In paths of righteousness He leads,  
All for His great name's sake.

Though through death's valley I must walk,  
Yet evil I'll not fear;

The mighty Shepherd dwells with me,  
My Lord is always near.

The Shepherd's rod and staff provide  
For my security;

For me a table has been set,

Though foes encircle me.

His goodness and His mercy too,  
Shall always follow me;

And in God's house I shall abide,

And dwell eternally.

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"Awake, O sword, against my Shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones" (Zechariah 13:7).

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### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

June 4 Jared Sanders

Jason Smith

6 Amanda Marks

June 7 Betty Carroll

8 Jo Ellen Bowman

10 Missy Withrow

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Our Vacation Bible School begins next Monday and continues through Thursday. Friday, we will have our annual church picnic beginning at 5:00 at Armco Park, but our site has changed to shelter #7. 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.

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### **COME TO THE LORD JESUS**

Our Lord often spoke of coming to Him. "COME UNTO ME, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him COME UNTO ME, and drink" (John 7:37). "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that COMETH TO ME, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). "No man can COME TO ME except the Father which hath sent Me draw him" (John 6:44). Are you guilty? Come to Him for a full and unconditional pardon. Are you impure? Come to Him whose blood cleanses the foulest. Do you see the worthlessness of your self-righteous rags? Come to Him for perfect righteousness and beauty. Are you ignorant? Come to Him to be taught for He is the Wisdom of God. Are you cut off from God? Come to Him for restoration. O that you would be brought by the Spirit of grace to understand there is no life, no righteousness, no salvation, no forgiveness and no acceptance for any sinner outside of the dear Savior. Coming to Him is a movement of the soul, not the body; it is believing on Him. Come to Christ, but don't move a muscle (as in walking the aisle). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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### **THE VOLUNTARINESS OF CHRIST'S DEATH**

Why must we all die physically? We die because of personal guilt and sin against God. The Lord said to Adam, "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). That first man, being the representative of the human race, died spiritually and later died physically because of his transgression and all those he represented died spiritually and must die physically as well. "Wherefore, as by one man, sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). Death is a debt we owe to the law and justice of God. You have no choice as to whether or not you will die; every sinner must die when the appointed time arrives. Job declares that God has "appointed his bounds, that he cannot pass" (Job 14:5). It is true that death waits for no man.

While all men are required to die, it was different with our Savior. He was not subject to death; at no time did death have any power over Him because He was not a sinner. Only sinful men owe the debt of death to divine law. Had our Lord Jesus not taken upon Himself the sins of His people He would not and could not have died - BUT EVEN THEN - when He assumed our debt of sin, when the iniquities of the Lord's people were made to meet upon the head of our Substitute (Isaiah 53:6), even then, death had no power over Him. Christ could not and would not die until He willed His own death. Of us it is written, "The soul that sinneth it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). When your time to die arrives, death will not require your permission to take you; death is the just penalty each must pay for being a sinner. But when our Lord's appointed time to die arrived, death did not and could not take Him away of its own accord; death had no power over Him as it does us. Why not? Because He was not a sinner. He had no personal guilt, and though charged with the sins of His people, yet it is written, "He offered Himself WITHOUT SPOT to God" (Hebrews 9:14). Remember His words. "No man taketh my life from me; I lay it down of myself." Death is the penalty of sin, but where there is no sin, no penalty is demanded. Death could not lay a hand on the Savior apart from His willingness to die; it could not seize Him as it seizes us; it could not snatch Him away because there was no presence of sin in Him. Our Lord bore our sin, but He was not a sinner; sin was imputed to Him, but it was not imparted to Him therefore death had no power over Him and could not take Him as it takes us. He died a voluntary death and had He not determined to die, death could never have taken Him, as it most certainly will take us. It is indeed a blessed truth that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (1 Co 15:3). It was in this way that God could be just and justify the ungodly, but the only way our Savior could die was for Him to "lay down His life for the sheep" (John 10:15). I know Christ had to die because His sacrifice was purposed in the everlasting covenant of grace in order to save the objects of God's sovereign mercy, but He did not have to die because He was a sinner; He was never polluted with sin nor did He become vile in Himself. The only way He could die was for Him to "pour out His soul unto death" (Isaiah 53:12). We are subject to death because we are sinners; when death comes for us, we will have no choice about living or dying. Death, however, could not take our Lord; it had no legal claim upon Him for He was the pure, innocent and spotless Lamb of God. Of His death we read, "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost" (John 19:30). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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Wisdom for your ignorance, strength for your weakness, righteousness for your guilt, sanctification for your corruption, and redemption from your bondage. —Copied