

July 16, 2017

TODAY: Bible Classes: - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Messages by MISSIONARY JEAN-CLAUDE SOUILLOT

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

Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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### CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS

Tune: "The Church's One Foundation," (7.6.7.6.)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Upon a Mount called Calv'ry, salvation's work was done,*

*Redemption was accomplished by God's eternal Son;*

*He bore our sins and sorrows and made them all His own,*

*He died to honor justice, our sin-debt to atone.*

*O what a wondrous Savior, a faithful, precious Friend,  
What love and great compassion which none can comprehend;*

*Christ Jesus came from heaven, His very life He gave,*

*He died by God's appointment our guilty souls to save.*

*Lord send Thy gracious Spirit to quicken us within,  
Come wash us in the fountain once opened for our sin;*

*O bring us all to Jesus, by faith in Him to dwell,*

*No other One can save us, but our Emmanuel.*

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We extend a warm welcome to Jean-Claude and Wendy Souillot, from Chalons, France. Brother Souillot will be speaking in all of our services today. After this evening's service, there will be a time of food and fellowship in the fellowship hall. Sign-up sheets are on the front table.

Our church family is invited to attend the wedding of Susannah Byrd and David Imes here at the church next Saturday July 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

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When we stand in the presence of Christ, and see Him as He is, we shall not be interested in anything else. We shall be 'lost in wonder, love and praise.' There will be no distinctions. No one will be interested to know whether you were a Jew or a Gentile, or a Barbarian or a Scythian, bond or free, whether you were born into a great family or whether you were born in a slum. Thank God, all that will have gone; we shall all be looking at Him, and nothing else.

—Marty Lloyd-Jones

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### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July 17 Colin Whitt

18 Justin Turner

19 Isaiah Stettner

Jamie Horan

July 20 Kyleigh West

Kevin Cunningham

Garrett Turner

21 Donna Williams

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We certainly must bow in submission to the will of God in all things, but we must do more than that. The servant of a king may or may not approve of the directives of his monarch, but it is his duty to submit and obey. Those of us who know the King of kings, are more than servants, we are the Lord's chosen, redeemed and quickened children. We must not just dutifully acknowledge the providence of God, but we are to trust in, rejoice in and delight ourselves in the Lord and in His purpose regarding us. We are to be fully confident that our God and Savior always has our best interests at heart in all that He does. In Psalm 37, the Psalmist takes us by the hand, as it were, and first of all tells us "Fret not" (verse 1), because being displeased and angry with what the Lord does regarding ourselves or others is sinful and unbecoming a child of God. He then admonishes us to "trust in the LORD" (verse 3), relying solely upon Him in all situations. The Psalmist then proceeds to say "delight thyself in the LORD" (verse 4). Be happy and rejoice that He who is your Guide and Keeper sovereignly governs the universe. Finally, the Psalmist says, "commit thy way unto the LORD" (verse 5) which means roll all of the issues of your life, both spiritual and physical, upon the Lord. Rejoice in Him who is working all things according to His eternal purpose for His own glory and for the ultimate good of His people.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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### THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

What do we mean by this expression - the sovereignty of God? We mean the supremacy of God, the kingship of God, the godhood of God. To say that God is sovereign is to declare that God is God. To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the Most High, doing according to His will in the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, so that none can stay His hand or say unto Him what doest Thou? (Daniel 4:35). To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the Almighty, the Possessor of all power in heaven and earth, so that none can defeat His counsels, thwart His purpose, or resist His will (Psalm 115:3). To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is "The Governor among the nations," (Psalm 22:28), setting up kingdoms, overthrowing empires, and determining the course of dynasties as pleaseth Him best. To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the "Only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords" (1Timothy 6:15). Such is the God of the Bible.

—A. W. Pink

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### "WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD" (Exodus 12:13)

The apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians said, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for you" (1 Corinthians 5:7). He is speaking of that type of Christ which God established in Egypt in Exodus 12 where a lamb was commanded to be slain and the blood applied to the doorposts of the Hebrews' homes. That Passover lamb was a picture of the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrificial, substitutionary death for God's elect. Thus God says, "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt" (Exodus 12:13). When did God see the blood of Christ His Lamb in relationship to His people? He saw Him in eternity past as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8). He saw Him on the cross in human flesh as His sinless blood poured out from His wounds. He sees Him now as John did in the Revelation as the Lamb that stands and looks as newly slain, His work finished, but fresh (Revelation 5:6). When Christ died, men saw the literal blood of Jesus Christ. When God reveals Christ to and in a sinner by His Spirit through the gospel, that sinner sees the blood of Christ as that which has cleansed them from all sin. God however, has seen it long before we see it. He saw it in that everlasting covenant and had He not seen it then, He could never have seen me in grace! Nor could He have seen Noah as He did before Christ came. "And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation" (Genesis 7:1).

—Pastor Gary Shepard

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### TRUE FAITH

The lovely flower of true faith does not grow naturally in the briar-invested human heart. Such is the wickedness of every man that we could never produce anything so beautiful as this virtue. Faith is, therefore, a gracious gift which God the Holy Spirit gives to undeserving sinners through His regenerating power. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12-13). True faith looks with disdain upon any other hope of salvation than this, Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Faith that originates with the Lord has this distinction, it trusts Christ whose blood and righteousness merit our complete acceptance with God. Genuine faith embraces and rests upon the blessed Savior as He is set forth in the Holy Scriptures.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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"The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:28-29)