

July 2, 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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PRAISE OUR EVERLASTING LORD

Tune: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," (8.7.8.7. w/chorus)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*God in wisdom chose to save us,
Praise Him for His sovereign grace;
Gave us to the blessed Savior,
Son of God, our Hiding-Place.*

*CHORUS: Come and worship God our Savior,
Sing His praise with one accord;
Bow before Him praise Jehovah,
Praise our everlasting Lord.*

*Christ the Savior of poor sinners,
Came into this world of woe;
Came to save His chosen people,
To pay all the debt we owe. CHORUS:*

*"It is finished," cried the Savior,
Then in triumph Jesus died;
By His death He sealed our pardon,
We are fully justified. CHORUS:*

*Now exalted in the heavens,
Jesus reigns upon His throne;
And to us He sends His Spirit,
Making Christ the Savior known. CHORUS:*

*Soon in heaven we shall see Him,
There to view His blessed face;
Then with joy we all shall praise Him,
For His mercy, love and grace. CHORUS:*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July 3 Susannah Martin

5 Jackson Elliott

6 Jack Kuehne

July 7 Ivy Rose Kuehne

8 Rob Elliott

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"In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in Thy righteousness. Bow down Thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be Thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me. For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me" (Psalm 31:1-3).

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Brother Jean-Claude Souillot from Chalon, France will be visiting with us July 16th. He will be setting forth his missionary work from 9:30 – 10:00 and then preaching to us in the morning and evening services.

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Salvation is the glorious work of the Son of God, from beginning to end; this is His greatest accomplishment, but there is to be found in the Lord Jesus Christ that which is even more wonderful than the redemption and reconciliation which He accomplished by His substitutionary death and that something is the preeminence of His Person. The reason that He was successful in achieving what He set out to do is because of the greatest of Who He is!

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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"YE THAT WORK INIQUITY"

The Lord said, *"Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity"* (Matt. 7:21-23). The question is, how could He call their works *"iniquity"*? The word *"iniquity"* shows that their works were not equal to (did not measure up to) righteousness. No works done by a sinner, even a saved sinner, not even our best works, can equal the righteousness God requires to justify us. The only way we can measure up to righteousness is TO BE FOUND IN CHRIST – washed in His blood and clothed in His righteousness. We can plead nothing else but Christ and Him crucified as our complete and only righteousness before God. Anything else is iniquity. Our desire, therefore, should be the same as the Apostle Paul's – To *"be found IN HIM, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith"* (Philippians 3:9).

—Pastor Bill Parker

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"I BELIEVE GOD"

"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:25). Like the apostle Paul, my peace in every storm is in what God has said! Whether it is in the storm of realizing and feeling the danger of my sins or in one of the many stormy circumstances of life, it is the same, I rest in what God has said. If I am in doubt of what God says in His word in one place, what is to keep me from not believing what He says in another? Faith is believing what God says concerning what He has done and will do AND what He says that I am! If I were Noah and had lived in his day, could I have believed that I was what God called me? Would I have been what God said he was? Was it a future thing He spoke of when he said to Noah, *"for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation"* (Genesis 7:1)? Did God the judge of all the earth do right when He destroyed all the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah? Yes, they were unrighteous. Did He deliver *"righteous Lot"* because he was actually righteous then or not? (Genesis 18). If the Bible says that *"the LORD is righteous,"* is that to be taken at face value but not that Abraham was righteous who was made the righteousness of God in Christ? Abraham who believed God, who looked by faith to Jesus Christ the Righteous for everything? What is justification but God declaring us righteous in Christ? The only righteousness there is for a sinner is that righteousness which is the gift of God, imputed to the sinner and received by faith. It is in Christ and only Him and the righteous have been so for a long time because God put them in Christ and sees them in Christ! This may not fit a man's theological timetable but it is what God says! Thank God, His people are what He says they are in Jesus Christ through His cross death and they have been since He made them the righteousness of God in Him. What amazing joy they experience when He reveals this to them by His Spirit through the gospel and enables them to believe! *"God, help us to believe what you say."*

—Pastor Gary Shepard

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Let men say what they want, yet they cannot change the Word of God. Let men make their determinations, yet the decree of God shall stand. Let men boast of the power of their will, yet the sovereign purpose of God shall be accomplished. Let men speak of *"letting God do this or that,"* yet the Lord of glory declared, *"I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it"* (Isaiah 46:11).

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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No Physician like the Lord, no tonic like His promise and no wine like His love.

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