August 27, 2017

TODAY: Bible Classes: - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD
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WEDNESDAY: Mid - week Service - 7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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HE BORE IT ALL FOR ME

Tune: "There is a Fountain," (CM Double)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Upon the cross of Calvary,
The Savior took my blame;
He suffered untold grief and pain,
To put away my shame.
The wrath of God was poured on Him,
While hanging on that tree;
The condemnation for my sin,
He bore it all for me.

'Twas in this way the God of grace
Could justly make me whole;
Christ washed away my sin and guilt
And saved my wretched soul.
The blood of Christ poured out for me,
My pardon has secured;
For all the vengeance due my sin,
My Substitute endured.

Who can condemn the sons of God,
Since Christ for us has died?
The Father saw His sacrifice,
And we were justified.
Washed in His sin-atoning blood,
The Savior's Name we bless;
Christ Jesus is our all in all,
He is our Righteousness!

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Aug. 28 Tom Salyer — *Aug. 31 Karlee Fliehman*
30 Iretta Parker — *Sept. 2 Pam Cox*

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We extend our sympathy to the Imes family. Brother Buddy departed this life last Saturday and is now at home with the Lord. *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints"* (Psalm 116:15).

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"Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth" (Psalm 108:5).

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"Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty" (Isaiah 33:17). Who, my soul, but Jesus could be intended by this sweet promise? And who is beautiful and lovely in thine eyes but Him? There was no beauty in Him while thou wert in a state of unrenewed nature that thou shouldest desire Him; neither can any man truly love Him, until that soul is made light in the Lord. Is Jesus then lovely to thee? Hast thou seen Him? Dost thou now know Him, love Him, behold Him, as altogether fair, and the chiefest among ten thousand? Then, surely, this promise hath been and is continually fulfilled in thy experience. Hast thou so seen Him as to be in love with Him and to have all thine affections drawn forth towards Him? Dost thou, my soul, so behold Him as to admire Him and love Him above all; and so to love Him as never to be satisfied without Him? Moreover - hast thou seen this King in His beauty, in His fullness, riches, and suitableness to thee as a Savior? Surely, blessed Jesus, there are not only glorious, precious excellencies in Thee and thine own divine person which command the love and affection of every beholder, as Thou art in Thyself; but there is a beauty indeed in Thee considered as Thou art held forth by our God and Father in all Thy suitableness to Thy people. In Thy beauty, blessed Lord, there is to be seen a fullness of grace, and truth, and righteousness, exactly corresponding to the needs of poor sinners - Thy blood to cleanse, Thy grace to comfort, Thy fullness to supply; in Thee there is everything we can need - life, light, joy, pardon, mercy, peace, happiness here, glory hereafter. And do I not see Thee, Thou King, in Thy beauty indeed, when I behold Thee as coming with all these for my supply? So that, under the enjoyment of the whole, I feel constrained to cry out, with one of old, *"I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my strength and my song; and He is become my salvation."* —Robert Hawker

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"OUT OF THE ANGEL'S HAND"

Revelation 8:4

Thank God for His saving grace to an unworthy people. He chose us unto salvation in Christ Jesus our eternal Surety. The Son of God has redeemed and reconciled us unto God by His blood. The Holy Spirit is the Promise of the Father who has mysteriously and miraculously, through the Word, made us spiritually alive and brought us to trust Christ for salvation. All who believe Him are called the children of God; we are also called saints. Think of that. Those of us who by nature drink iniquity like water, because of the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ, *"we are made the righteousness of God in Him."* Yet, we are still sinners as Paul attested in 1 Timothy 1:15. He declared that Christ came to save sinners, *"of whom I am chief."* He did not say, I used to be the chief of sinners, but *"I am chief."* Being on the one hand saints in Christ and on the other hand a sinful people, the good that we seek to do - our worship and service to the Lord - all of it is contaminated by sin. Prayer is a good thing, reading the Word of God is a good thing and both public and private worship are good things. Listening to the gospel is a good thing, seeking the glory of God is a good thing, but none of us can ever do any of those, or anything else, in a perfect way and it is for certain that no imperfect deed can ever be received by the holy God who demands perfection.

These things being true, how can our works ever be accepted by God since they have the blight and the stench of sin upon them? They come forth from vessels of mercy made clean by the blood of Christ, but we are still vile in our flesh. Thank God, *"we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"* (1 John 2:1). In our text, the prayers of the saints go up to the heavenly throne, but they *"ascended up before God OUT OF THE ANGEL'S HAND."* The angel is none other than the Angel of the Covenant, the Lord Jesus Christ. Every act of worship and every work for God must go THROUGH HIM who makes them acceptable to the Father by the merits of His person and His sacrifice. We are always in need of our Great High Priest and Mediator. His death was a sweet savour unto God. Christ baths the deeds we do for God in that sweet savor, His sacrifice, and then presents them with His nail-scarred hands to the Father, and the Father receives both the doer and the deeds that are done, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE. Did not our Lord say, *"no man cometh to the Father* [for anything!] *but by me"* (John 14:6)? No wonder the writer of Hebrews said of Christ our Altar, *"BY HIM therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name"* (13:15). —Pastor Jim Byrd