

September 24, 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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THE SON OF GOD

Tune: "Praise the Savior," (8.8.8.5.)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

All deserve to be rejected,
Yet Jehovah has elected,
Multitudes to be perfected,
In the Son of God.

Christ to save us from all danger,
Condescended to a manger;
To the world He was a stranger,
Lowly Son of God.

Jesus Christ, the only Savior,
Has restored us to God's favor,
Son of Man, the Mediator;
Blessed Son of God.

With His blood the Savior bought us,
And in time He came and sought us,
Of His gospel He has taught us,
Gracious Son of God.

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If any present in this assembly have never obeyed the King, may they come to trust in Him today for He is a tender Savior and is willing to receive the biggest and blackest sinner who will come to Him. Whosoever trusts in Him will never find Him to fail for He will save to the uttermost them that come to God by Him. May He bring you to His feet and reign over you in love.

—Henry Mahan, from our bulletin, April 29, 1956

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 24 James Thompson

Wyatt Turner

Lauren Ratliff Moman

September 24 Clay West

25 Luke Pennington

28 Clyde Burchett

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THE NECESSITY OF THE SPIRIT'S WORK

Believing the gospel is no small thing. The message of salvation altogether by grace dependent upon the merits and work of the Son of God is offensive to the natural man because it is a double declaration: fallen man is unable to save himself and consequently, "salvation is of the LORD." It proclaims that redemption has been obtained, reconciliation has been accomplished, sins have been put away and righteousness has been brought in for all of God's elect by the obedience unto death of the resurrected, exalted Christ. When God the Holy Spirit comes to a spiritually dead sinner, He finds in that poor, indigent rebel nothing with which to work. The sinner's mind is enmity against God, his heart is as adamant stone toward the truth and his will is set in opposition against the divine will. The Spirit must quicken the dead, break down the rebellion, convince of sin, give a new heart, grant repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and seal upon the heart and conscience of the newly regenerated sinner that blessed truth that he or she stands accepted before a holy God solely upon the ground of the Person and work of the glorious Redeemer. What but the work of the sovereign Spirit could bring a needy sinner to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE LOST?

I believe there are three things believers should do regarding the desire to see our friends and loved ones come to a saving knowledge of the gospel. [1] The message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified has to be brought to them for none are saved apart the truth. "In whom ye also trusted after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation" (Ephesians 1:13). There is no salvation apart from being confronted with the gospel. Speak to the lost about Christ; give them a bulletin, a recording of a message, pass along a tract to them and invite them to come and hear the gospel. [2] Pray for them. The seed that is sown must be watered with prayer. None can save but the Lord alone. He must make the truth effectual to the sinner who has been confronted with the gospel of Christ. Tell sinners the truth and then pray the Lord of the harvest to give an increase. [3] Endeavor to set before the lost an example of someone to whom the Lord has been gracious, one to whom He is all. Be aware that, quite often, actions do speak louder than words. If you would have others believe this gospel, when they observe your habits, do they see someone to whom the Lord Jesus Christ is loved above all? Are you to be found in the house of worship when the doors are open? Does your language and your behavior give any evidence of someone who spends time with Christ?

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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"BEWARE OF MEN" (Matthew 10:17)

This is the caution which the Son of God gave to His disciples when He ministered among them on earth, and the Holy Ghost caused it to be penned, that the true Church of God might use it as a watchword to the end of time; and never since this caution dropped from the lips of Jesus, has it been more needed than now; for men seem to vie with the prince of darkness who shall most effectually oppose the kingdom of Christ and the spiritual interests of His blood-bought family.

"Beware of men," not merely of profane men, open infidels. Little caution is necessary respecting them, because "The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! For they have rewarded evil unto themselves" (Isaiah 3:9). But the men who assume the profession of Christianity, without possessing its vital principle, are the men of whom the Savior's watchword is, "Beware!" The men who put on "a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof," whose carnal minds and carnal interests have always warred against the pure truth of God, and perverted the whole plan of salvation by lying fables and human traditions, seducing the souls of millions to utter destruction.

"Beware of men" such as our dear Redeemer has described, "which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation" (Luke 20:46-47). And again, the same divine Teacher says, "they outwardly appear righteous before men, but within are full of hypocrisy and iniquity;" therefore He denounces them as "serpents and a generation of vipers, who shall not escape the damnation of hell" (Matthew 23:28-33).

"Beware of men," even of those who pass for evangelical men; for every grade of error is to be found among them. Even while I am writing this paper, my soul is distressed with the awful perversions of the Word of God which surround me and which are advocated by men of renown; one drowning the doctrine of regeneration in the baptismal font; another substituting the credence of carnal reason for the faith of God's elect, and another denying the Son of God; while the great bulk of so-called evangelical preachers try to dethrone Christ, and to enthrone proud free-will as the absolute sovereign. "Beware of men!"

—Joseph Irons

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"Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah" (Psalm 67:3-4).