

October 29, 2017

TODAY: Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.  
Observance of the Lord's Supper  
Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD  
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(webcasting live during listed service times)  
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service—7:00 p.m.  
Message by ELDER RON TRABANDT

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### CLEANSSED FROM SINFULNESS

Tune: "Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness," (LM)  
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Since Thou must save and Thou alone,  
Lord look with mercy from Thy great throne;  
Grant saving grace to sinful ones,  
O speak the word and it is done.

Upon no other we rely,  
Come save us Lord or we must die;  
Thou art our only confidence,  
Our solid Rock and sure Defense.

'Tis by Thy blood and righteousness,  
That we are cleansed from sinfulness;  
Lord give us grace on Thee to lean,  
To save our souls and make us clean.

'Twas by Thy work upon the cross,  
Poor, sinful souls were saved from loss;  
To Thee alone by faith we look,  
Who all our sins and sorrows took.

We trust Thee for Thy Word is true;  
Our debt was paid when it was due;  
Thine shall the praise and glory be,  
Through time and all eternity.

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### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Oct. 30 Phyllis Payne  
Nov. 3 Madge Roach

Nov. 4 Bill Pennington  
Katie Walker

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"For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living" (Romans 14:9).

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This evening we will observe the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of the message. This is a special time for the people of God to "remember our Lord's death until He comes again," by eating the bread and drinking the wine of communion which picture His body wounded for us and His blood poured out as the price of redemption.

Nancy and I are leaving Wednesday morning for Honolulu where I'll be visiting with and ministering to our friends and spiritual family on Oahu. Please pray for our meetings over there. In my absence you will be privileged to hear men who know, love and ably convey the truth of the gospel. Ron Trabant will preach Wednesday night. Next Lord's Day and the following Wednesday, pastor Bill Parker will preach the gospel to you. On November the 12<sup>th</sup>, brother Trabant and Allan Ison will preach and brother Trabant will again speak on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. We are scheduled to depart Honolulu on the 15<sup>th</sup>, but won't land in Charleston until Thursday morning the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Remember that Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. Be sure and set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night and enjoy that extra 60 minutes of sleep.

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The heathen outside of the pale of Christendom form gods out of wood and stone; while the millions of heathen inside Christendom manufacture a god out of their own carnal mind! In reality, they are but atheists, for there is no other possible alternative between an absolutely supreme God, and no God at all. A god whose will is resisted, whose designs are frustrated, whose purpose is checkmated, possesses no title to Deity; and so far from being a fit object of worship, merits nothing but contempt.

—A. W. Pink

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The religious professor receives doctrines because he sees them in the Bible. The believer not only sees them in the Book, but he feels them in his heart, put there by the Holy Spirit. The believer gets at truth through trouble. He arrives at the banquet of mercy through sharp pangs of hunger. He lays hold of the robe of righteousness chilled by nakedness. He comes to the cross because he is guilty and there is nowhere else to go. Thus the religionist and the believer (however they may resemble one another) have an eternal distinction which the hand of God has drawn between the living and the dead.

—J. C. Philpot

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### THE TENT OF MEETING

God commanded Moses to build a tabernacle, frequently referred to as "the tabernacle of the congregation" (Exodus 29:10) which the Amplified Bible correctly renders "the Tent of Meeting." The LORD declared, "And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory" (Exodus 29:43). Again, the Amplified reads, "There I will meet with the Israelites, and the Tent of Meeting shall be sanctified by My glory [the Shekinah, God's visible presence]." The tabernacle was where Jehovah granted His presence, where He was worshiped, where He accepted the sacrifices of the people, where He instructed them regarding His will and where He heard their prayers. The "Tent of Meeting" was ordinary looking on the outside, covered with badgers' skins; it appeared to be no different from any other tent, but on the inside, there was exquisite beauty. The Lord's glory was manifested there; it was where He revealed Himself and ministered to His people. It was the only place where God met with men and men met with God.

The tabernacle typified the Lord Jesus Christ. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Quoting again from the Amplified, this verse reads, "And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us..." Like that tent in the wilderness, the Son of Man visibly appeared to be no different from any other man, but His flesh veiled His divine majesty. John had gotten a firsthand glimpse of Christ's glory when the Savior "was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light" (Matthew 17:2). This is the true Tabernacle of God; Christ is where God meets with sinners and sinners meet with God. There is no other place or basis upon which God will meet with sinners except the Lord Jesus and His completed work of redemption. Christ was that perfect Sacrifice for sin and by His death He appeased divine justice for His chosen people. His resurrection announced that the Father was well pleased with the Person and work of the Substitute for sinners. In Christ, God draws near to us and we approach Him. He is the "one Mediator between God and men" (1 Timothy 2:5).

Today Christ's people see Him by faith, but someday we will see Him as He is in His infinite glory. Now He dwells with us by His Spirit, but there is coming a time when He will abide with us personally, yet even then He will still be God in human flesh. "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God" (Revelation 21:3).

—Pastor Jim Byrd