

November 12, 2017

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.
Message by ELDER RON TRABANDT
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Message by PASTOR ALLAN ISON
INTERNET: SermonAudio.com
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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service—7:00 p.m.
Message by ELDER RON TRABANDT

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WHY SHOULD THIS RANSOMED SINNER FEAR?

Tune: "From Every Stormy Wind," (LM)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*When troubles like a mountain rise,
O may I trust my Lord most wise;
When storms assail and billows roll,
Still rest in Him who saved my soul.*

*For He Who gave Himself to save,
Guides me from birth unto the grave;
All things take place as He decreed,
And He will meet my every need.*

*Be still my soul nor fearful be,
Christ knows all things; He hears my plea;
He reigns upon His Priestly throne,
He sees each tear and hears each groan.*

*Since I am His and He is mine,
Each trial has a wise design;
Why should this ransomed sinner fear?
Jesus my Lord is every near.*

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PAYMENT FOR SIN

If Christ has died for you, you can never be lost. God will not punish twice for one thing. If God punished Christ for your sins, He will not punish you. As brother Toplady said, "Payment God's justice cannot twice demand; first, at the bleeding Surety's hand, and then again at mine." How can God be just if He punished Christ, the Substitute, and then man himself afterwards?

—C. H. Spurgeon

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Nov. 13 Jill Turner
14 Kim Bonnette
Erin Robinette
Bill Pemberton

Nov. 15 Susan Stapleton
Leslie Kouns
Ellie Edwards
18 David Stapleton

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Three things ought to be desired as we prepare ourselves to hear a message from the Word of God. 1. Intention to worship. 2. Attention of the mind. 3. Retention of what we hear.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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Our pastor continues to preach in Hawaii and he and Nancy will be home, the Lord willing, Thursday afternoon. Brothers Trabandt and Ison will be preaching to us today. Remember each of these men as they set forth the gospel of Christ Jesus.

Congratulations to Jared and Laura Sanders on the birth of their daughter, Micah Josie Reese Sanders, born on Nov. 1st.

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LAST WORDS OF JOSIAH CONDER

Josiah Conder (1789-1855) wrote the lyrics to several poems which others have put to music. (The Lord Is King, #16 in our hymnal.) When he was on his deathbed at age 66, he requested that some of his poems be read to him by his children. He asked to have the last stanza of one of them repeated (based on 1 Corinthians 3:21-23).

*"Beset with fears and cares, in Christ my heart is strong;
all things in life and death are theirs, to whom the Lord belong."*

One of his children, after reading those lines three times said, "Now, father, you can go to sleep on that." "Oh yes," responded his father, "and die upon it." It is reported that he closed his eyes, and died.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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WHERE IS YOUR REFUGE?

It is a peculiar happiness to observe that in matters of spiritual concern, the philosopher and the ploughman (if truly regenerate) have the same feelings, speak the same language, and they all eat of the same spiritual meat, drink of the same spiritual Rock that follows them, and that Rock is Christ. Hence, this is that sameness of experience, or to speak figuratively, that strong and striking family likeness which exists among the converted people of God in every period of time and in every nation under heaven. They all, without exception, feel themselves totally ruined by original sin. They all, without exception, take refuge in the righteousness and cross of Christ and unite in ascribing the whole praise of their salvation only to the free grace and sovereign mercy of Father, Son and Spirit.

—Augustus Toplady, author of "Rock of Ages"

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"The LORD is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him" (Lamentations 3:25).

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A BLESSED NATION

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance" (Psalm 33:12). On the surface, "the nation" in view is natural Israel, but in a much deeper and fuller sense, the nation referred to was chosen in Christ unto salvation before the foundation of the world. It is the same nation Peter wrote about. *"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy"* (1 Peter 2:9-10). This is the greatest nation which has ever existed and it is the only nation that is beloved of the Lord. He chose her to be His special treasure, His own possession. This is *"the righteous nation that keepeth the truth"* (Isaiah 26:2). It is this nation alone that is "blessed," for she is *"blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"* (Ephesians 1:3). All other nations rise and fall and are used by God in His eternal purpose for the preservation of and the ultimate benefit of this one nation. This vast nation consists of a people redeemed by the Lamb's blood *"out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation"* (Revelation 5:9).

I am thankful to live in and be a citizen of this great republic, the United States of America. God has seen fit to place me in this land of freedom where I could hear the gospel of His free grace and believe and preach that same gospel. The Lord has mightily used our nation in the spreading of His truth. You and I know, however, that this earthly nation as a whole has no interest in nor regard for the glory of God or the Word of God. Our country is imploding from corruption. The rampant perversion of our society gives evidence of the judgment of God (Romans 1). But there remains a nation that is blessed of God, ordained unto salvation, redeemed by the Savior's blood, justified by His grace and effectually called one by one by the Holy Spirit to faith in Christ. This nation is the habitation of God. Sadly, this spiritual nation is not understood nor loved by the nations of this world. However, when all other nations have come and gone, this blessed nation shall endure forever, preserved by the Lord *"to the praise of the glory of His grace."*

—Pastor Jim Byrd