

November 19, 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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ALL GLORY TO CHRIST

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

Let all who trust the Savior's Name,
Sing praises to the Lord;
May He alone exalted be,
And by His church adored.
It was a wondrous stoop for Him
To come to earth and die;
Yet for our sins the Savior came,
God's law to satisfy.

On Him was laid the sin and shame,
Of sheep who went astray;
And by His sacrificial death,
He washed our sins away.
Behold Christ Jesus ever lives
For us to intercede;
He is the way, the truth, the life,
For all His chosen seed.

Soon He shall come with trumpet sound,
And all the world shall see;
That Jesus is the Lord of lords,
And praise His majesty.
So ransomed sinners, sing His praise,
His glories now confess;
Christ is our Savior, God and King,
The Lord our Righteousness.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Nov. 19 David Stapleton
20 Rita Burchett
21 Todd Meek

Nov. 21 Curt Robinette
Ken Flaming
David Imes

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"Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people" (1 Chronicles 16:8). Let us all give thanks to the Lord for the multitude of His tender mercies to each of us. I am especially grateful to God for you, beloved of the Lord. Three years ago this congregation welcomed us with opened arms and brotherly love. Nancy and I are grateful to our covenant God for each of you. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

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THE SACRIFICES OF THE PRIESTHOOD

It is interesting to note that in the New Testament, the name "priest" is never attributed to any specific minister of the gospel. Rather, all of those chosen by the Father unto salvation, redeemed by the Son and regenerated and effectually called by the Holy Spirit to faith in the Savior are said to be "a royal priesthood," (1 Peter 2:9), that is, "kings and priests" (Revelation 1:6). We are a kingdom of priests. What was the duty of the Old Testament priest? The writer of Hebrews said, "Every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices which can never take away sins" (Hebrews 10:11). We know that we have one Great High Priest of Whom it is written, "But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Christ, our High Priest, offered the sacrifice of Himself which satisfied divine justice and put away the sins of His people forever. A full, free, unconditional pardon belongs to all those for whom Christ made satisfaction to the law of God by dying in their stead and rising again for their justification. However, though we as a kingdom of priests do not offer unto God sacrifices which are of an expiatory nature, nevertheless we do offer Him sacrifices. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). Here are six sacrifices which we offer to the Lord.

1. The sacrifice of a broken heart and a contrite spirit, Psalm 51:17.
2. The sacrifice of thanksgiving, Psalm 116:17; 107:22.
3. The sacrifice of praise, Hebrews 13:15.
4. The sacrifice of joy, Psalm 27:6.
5. The sacrifice of generosity, Philippians 4:18; Hebrews 13:16.
6. The sacrifice of ourselves, Romans 12:1.

As ransomed sinners, we offer sacrifices to God and when these are offered to Him through Christ, both the offerer and the offering are acceptable unto God. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

I am a sinful man, of that there is no doubt. With the looking glass of the Word of God I see a reflection of my heart and I see nothing but wretchedness and pollution. My sincere and serious efforts to worship the Lord and serve Him in this world are stained by sin. Rather than growing better, it seems I grow worse. I can certainly echo the words of the inspired apostle, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not" (Romans 7:18). Although I am indeed a sinner, yet I am not filled with despair because Christ Jesus is my Redeemer and my Righteousness. In Him I have no sin, no fear of death, no sting of conscience and no dread of judgment. There is no condemnation to them who, by the grace of God, are in Christ Jesus. Yes, I am a sinner as touching this present life and I need not expect any improvement in my fleshly condition. However, by the substitutionary cross-death of the Son of God, I have been made the righteousness of God in Him. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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THE DEATH OF A CHILD OF GOD

Child of God, everything you meet in life shall yield you profit; and death, which puts a fatal period to the hope of the wicked, -- death, at whose name thousands turn pale -- shall to you be an entrance into a new and endless life. He who tasted death for you (Hebrews 2:9), and sanctified it to you, shall lead and support you through that dark valley; you shall shut your eyes upon the things of time, to open them the next moment in the blissful presence of your reconciled God. You, that a moment before was surrounded by weeping, helpless family and friends, shall in an instant be transported and inspired to join in that glorious song, "To Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests to God and His Father: to Him be glory and strength, for ever and ever" (Revelation 1:6). "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Revelation 5:12). Thus, "blessed shall the man be that feareth the LORD" (Psalm 128:4). —John Newton

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"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving"
(Psalm 69:30).