

November 5, 2017

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.  
Messages by PASTOR BILL PARKER  
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(webcasting live during listed service times)  
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service—7:00 p.m.  
Message by PASTOR BILL PARKER

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**SALVATION IS BY GRACE**

Tune: "This is My Father's World," (SM/Double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Salvation is by grace,  
Pure grace must save the soul!  
No work of man will share a part,  
Free grace must make us whole.

Salvation is by grace,  
This was the Father's plan;  
He chose to save a multitude,  
Before the world began.

Salvation is by grace,  
Through God the Father's Son;  
He came to save us from our sin,  
And He the work has done.

Salvation is by grace,  
Christ bought His chosen bride;  
'Twas in our stead the Savior died,  
And God is satisfied.

Salvation is by grace,  
Though we were dead in sin;  
The Spirit came in saving might,  
And wrought new life within.

Salvation is by grace,  
Of wondrous grace we sing;  
His grace will guide us day by day  
And lead us to our King.

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Nov. 6 Emmitt Kuehne  
7 Kim Ratliff  
8 Evelyn Stephens

Nov. 8 Danita Elliott  
Blake McLeod  
9 Rachael Turner

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Our pastor and Nancy are on the island of Oahu where he is preaching several times to a group the Lord has brought together. Continue to pray for these meetings. We welcome pastor Bill Parker back to our church. He will be speaking in all of our services today as well as the Wednesday evening service.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sheila Terry and family upon the death of her brother, Billy Joe Hardeman Oct. 25th.

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"The Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Revelation 19:6). God's government is exercised over inanimate matter, over the brute beasts, over the children of men, over angels good and evil, and over Satan himself. No changing world, no shining of star, no storm, no creature moves, no actions of men, no errands of angels, no deeds of the devil—nothing in all the vast universe can come to pass otherwise than God has eternally purposed. Here is a foundation for faith. Here is a resting place for the intellect. Here is an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast. It is not blind fate, unbridled evil, man or devil, but the Lord Almighty who is ruling the world, ruling it according to His own good pleasure and for His own eternal glory. —A. W. Pink

Ten thousand ages ere the skies  
Were into motion brought;  
All the long years and worlds to come,  
Stood present to His thought:  
There's not a sparrow nor a worm,  
But's found in His decrees,  
He raises monarchs to their thrones  
And sinks as He may please.  
If light attends the course I run,  
'Tis He provides those rays;  
And 'tis His hand that hides my sun,  
If darkness clouds my days.  
—Isaac Watts

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**LET GOD????**

"My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure" (Isaiah 46:10). "The LORD hath done that which He had devised: He hath fulfilled His word that He had commanded in the days of old" (Lamentations 2:17). It is not unusual, from this religious but lost society, to hear men speak of letting God do something. Would you please stop for a few moments and think of how absolutely absurd that sounds? "Let God save you. Let go and let God have His way. Let God have control of your life." I promise you this, if your god needs you to let him do whatever it is he wants to do, if his will is dependent upon your cooperation in order to bring to pass his desire, if you can frustrate his purpose by your rebellion and unbelief, you have definitely got the wrong god for the God of the Bible says, "I will do all my pleasure" and Jeremiah declared "He hath done that which He devised." Let God Almighty save you? Let the Omnipotent Creator have His way? Let the Sovereign of heaven, earth and hell have control? Could more foolish words ever be uttered? Does the Almighty One need puny worms of the dust to allow Him to do whatever it is that He has set Himself to do? Do you mean to tell me that the eternal purpose of the infinite God and the fulfillment of that purpose is conditioned upon you and me allowing Him to bring His will to pass? A person must be spiritually insane to think such low thoughts of God. You might as well talk about letting the sun send forth its warming rays upon you, or allowing the waves of the mighty ocean to continue to roll for man will sooner control the sun and the ocean before he will control the omnipotent God. Such foolish talk reveals an ignorance of the God of the Bible. If the Lord of glory ever gives us a glimpse of Who He is, words like "let God," will be forever banished from our vocabulary and they will be replaced by, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean" (Matthew 8:2).

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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**TRUE FAITH**

True faith comes by the drawing power of the Holy Spirit when He brings God's elect under the preaching of the Gospel and imparts spiritual life and knowledge by giving them a new heart and a new spirit in regeneration. True faith is no more the product of any person's so-called "free will" than spiritual life is the result of any person's "decision for Christ." Those who believe that being born again is the outcome of their faith or their decision neither know the Scriptures nor their own natural hearts (Jer. 17:9; John 6:44; 1 Cor. 2:14). Believing is not the cause but the effect of being born again of the Holy Spirit. Why is this so important, even vital? It is because God's purpose in the salvation of sinners is to glorify Himself in the preeminence of Christ and leave no room for sinners to glory in themselves (1 Cor 1:29-31).

—Pastor Bill Parker