

December 3, 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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O PRAISE EMMANUEL

*Tune: "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear," (CM/double)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd*

*O hear the tidings of great joy,
Of Jesus Christ the King;
Exalt His Name above all names,
And to Him praises sing.
The prophets set Him forth of old,
This Savior promised long;
Come sing the praises of the Lord,
With all the ransomed throng.*

*A Child was born, a Son was giv'n,
The Lamb of God was He;
He came to do the Father's will,
To set the captives free.
Unto the Savior glory give,
Jesus Who came to save;
He died to put away our sin,
And rose up from the grave.*

*With Him the Father is well pleased,
Christ is our Righteousness;
In Jesus sinners are received,
He is our worthiness.
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing His praise,
Let ransomed sinners tell;
That God in human flesh has come,
O praise Emmanuel!*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*Dec. 3 J.T. Horan
4 Stan Terry*

*Dec. 4 Avery Edwards
7 Alyce Davidson*

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In order that you can make your family plans for Christmas Eve, we will have our regular morning Bible classes and worship service, but there will be no evening service on the 24th. On New Year's Eve, we will observe the Lord's Supper after our evening service and then have a time of fellowship and refreshments in the back.

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"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged" (Isaiah 51:1).

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GOD REVERSING THE ORDER OF THINGS

God throws down the high and exalts the low. *"He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away"* (Luke 1:53). The Lord says, *"I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment"* (Ezekiel 34:16). Is not this instruction enough to be empty, to be hungry, to be poor and needy? If God is going to pick up men from the dunghill and set them unto the throne, then the surest road to glory and exaltation is to take your place on the dunghill. If the shields of the mighty are to be broken and the weak girded with strength, then it is wise to be weak before the Lord. Down pride, down, down! *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time"* (1 Peter 5:6).

Is the Holy Ghost making you conscious of sin? He does that so that He may reveal pardon. Do you feel condemned? The Lord condemns you now that you may not be condemned with the world. Are you black, and foul, and vile in your own sight? It is that you may wash and be whiter than the snow through the Lord Jesus. Oh, how I rejoice to meet with a real sinner. Sham sinners are an abomination, but those who are really and truly so are precious in our sight. He who is made to feel that he is truly lost is well-nigh saved. Christ died for such. *"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief"* (1 Timothy 1:15). You who are sinners, catch that good news! —Henry Mahan, From our bulletin, December 18, 1955

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When will we flee to Christ by faith and find in Him peace of heart that all is well between us and a holy God? It is when the Holy Spirit shows us the purity of God and the majesty of who He is, then we will begin to see our sinfulness and corruption and be led to seek the blessed Savior. It is for certain that we will not come to Him until we are made to realize our neediness and guilt. He that is taught of God concerning the pollution and vileness of his heart is nearest to knowing the sweetness of forgiveness in Christ. Rest assured, none will come to the Savior until shown that they need Him. *"The whole need not a Physician, but they that are sick"* (Matthew 9:12). When the Spirit shines the searchlight of the Word of God into our hearts and we see the depravity of it, it is then that we will see the value of Christ and His atoning blood, our need of His everlasting righteousness to make us fit for the presence of God and we will cast our poor sinful souls upon Him, trusting His person and His merits to save us and make us presentable unto God. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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ABSOLUTES

An absolute is that which exists without being dependent upon anything else. That which is absolute is fixed, certain, unchangeable and the perfect, inflexible standard. In setting forth the Word of God, we do not deal in "maybes" but in absolutes. God is absolutely holy and sovereign, man is absolutely spiritually dead and depraved, the Scriptures are absolutely the final authority, salvation is absolutely by grace alone, Christ is absolutely the Lord and He is absolutely the only Savior, the only way to the Father. He said, *"No man cometh to the Father but by Me."* Do I believe these glorious truths? Absolutely! Do you?

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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I beg the Reader to mark the burden of the angelic message: *"Glory to GOD in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"* (Luke 2:14). Yes! the whole glory is GOD'S; because it is all founded in GOD; carried on in GOD; completed in GOD; and man is but the receiver of the mercies. Oh! that this was well understood by men! What an end would it put to all the pharisaical righteousness and pride of men! —Robert Hawker