

January 14, 2018

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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PRAISE THE GREAT SAVIOR

Tune: "More, More About Jesus," (8.8.8.8. w/Chorus)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Praise the great Savior, praise His name,
Sing of His glories, spread His fame;
God in His mercy sent His Son,
Jesus the Christ, the Holy One.*

CHORUS: *Praise, praise the great Savior,
Praise, praise the great Savior;
Praise Him in word, in deed and song,
Praise the great Saviour all day long.*

*Praise the great Savior, homage pay,
Praise Him who dwelt in human clay;
Angels announced His wondrous birth,
God had come down to dwell on earth. CHORUS*

*Praise the great Savior, when He died
Justice was fully satisfied;
'Twas by His death on Calvary,
He saved His chosen family. CHORUS*

*Praise the great Savior Who for us,
Conquered all foes - victorious!
Now on His throne of majesty,
Jesus shall reign eternally. CHORUS*

*Praise the great Savior, His name bless,
Jesus the Lord our righteousness;
Soon we shall see Him as He is,
All of the glory shall be His. CHORUS.*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 16 Mitchell McSweeney
17 Donald Kemper
19 Carolee Busch

Jan. 19 Bob Atkinson
20 Hanna Stettner

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"Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy." (Micah 7:18).

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Paul wrote in Hebrews 12:10, "But He afflicts us for our profit that we might be partakers of His holiness." David wrote, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted that I might learn Thy statutes" (Psalm 119:71). Someone said, "The flowers smell the sweetest after a shower and trees bear more fruit if they are pruned."

Afflictions and trials are God's furnace by which He PROVES OUR FAITH. The sturdy vessels of faith are able to do business in deep waters. They are not shaken and destroyed by the storms of life. Faith in Christ will cry with Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (13:15).

Afflictions and trials serve to make the heart of a believer HUMBLE AND TENDER. Job said, "The LORD gave, and the Lord hath taketh away; blessed be the name of the LORD" (1:21). When a man realizes that he deserves nothing, that every mercy is a gift of grace, prosperity does not puff him up and adversity does not make him bitter.

Afflictions and trials give birth to SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING. We can weep with those who weep only if we have wept alone. We can more readily forgive the fallen from a fallen position. It's difficult to criticize a fellow cell-mate and impossible to cry "unclean" of a fellow leper.

Afflictions and trials lead the believer to the PRAYER CLOSET. Empty, I need the filling of His Spirit, broken, I lie at His feet and plead for mercy. "It is good for me that I have been afflicted!"
—Scott Richardson

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Of all the opposition and disapproval that the true church of God faces in this world, it is a shock to some of the Lord's dear people that the greatest hostility arises from the religious world. That should not, however, be surprising to any who love the gospel. Remember the words of our Savior to His disciples. "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18). "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:1-2). Those who believe and teach salvation conditioned upon something man must do, have always bragged about their knowledge of the Lord and love for Jesus and yet they have persecuted those who love the gospel of God's sovereign, effectual grace through the accomplished redemption of Christ Jesus. When our Lord Jesus graced this world with His presence, His main conflict came from the religious leaders who labored in the temple and the synagogues, men who finally succeeded in having Him put to death. Their actions, however, fulfilled the purpose of God who decreed the death of Christ as the Substitute and Sacrifice of the church in order to save them from their sins. Today, it is within both the liberal and the vast majority of the supposedly conservative bible colleges, seminaries and churches that the truth is railed upon and despised. Do not be dismayed, however, children of God, the truth will and must prevail.
—Pastor Jim Byrd

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*From whence this fear and unbelief? Hath not the Father put to grief
His spotless Son for me?
And will the righteous Judge of men condemn me for that debt of sin
Which, Lord, was charged on Thee?
Complete atonement Thou hast made, and to the utmost farthing paid
Whate'er Thy people owed;
Nor can His wrath on me take place, if sheltered in Thy righteousness,
And sprinkled with Thy blood.
If Thou hast my discharge procured, and freely in my room endured
The whole of wrath divine;
Payment God cannot twice demand, first at my bleeding Surety's hand,
And then again at mine.
Turn then, my soul, unto thy rest! The merits of thy great High Priest
Have bought thy liberty;
Trust in His efficacious blood, nor fear thy banishment from God,
Since Jesus died for thee. —Augustus Toplady, 1772*