

March 18, 2018

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD  
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.  
Message by PASTOR ALLAN ISON  
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(webcasting live during listed service times)  
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Message by ELDER RON TRABANDT

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**SAVED BY FREE AND SOVEREIGN GRACE**

Tune: "Doxology" (LM)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Adore the God of endless days,  
Lift up your voice to Him in praise;  
Sing of His free and sovereign grace,  
Ye chosen, ransomed, quickened race.*

*The Father long ago decreed,  
Salvation for His chosen seed;  
Unto the Son the Father gave,  
A host of sinners He would save.*

*Praise ye the Son, exalt His Name;  
He saved us from our guilt and shame.  
He bought the people of His choice,  
Lift up His praise with heart and voice.*

*When far from God and dead in sin,  
The Spirit wrought a work within;  
Since grace by Him to us was shown,  
We trust in Jesus Christ alone.*

*Saved by God's free and sovereign grace,  
To Him salvation we will trace;  
Praise God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, three in one.*

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

March 18 Mikey Horan  
20 Linda Atkinson  
21 Martin Stettner

March 21 Nancy Gullett  
22 Judy Profit

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Nancy and I will be leaving after the morning service for a few days of R and R. I'll be preaching next Lord's Day for the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Pastor Allan Ison will be preaching here tonight and Elder Ron Trabandt will speak Wednesday night and in all the services next Sunday.

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*"But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).*

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*Philosophers have measured mountains,  
Fathomed the depths of seas, of states and kings,  
Walked with a staff to heaven and traced fountains;  
But there are two vast, spacious things,  
The which to measure it doth more behoove;  
Yet few there are that sound them:  
SIN AND LOVE.*

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We must confess that we are nothing but sin – for no confession short of this will be the whole truth.

—Henry T. Mahan, from our bulletin, 1/27/1957

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**THE MODEL PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

1. THE PATERNITY OF GOD. *"Our Father."* The Lord adopted us into His family and from Him we derive spiritual life. *"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ unto Himself"* (Ephesians 1:5). *"Of His own will begat He us, with the Word of Truth"* (James 1:18).

2. THE PALACE OF GOD. *"Which art in heaven."* This reminds us that *"our Father"* sovereignly rules over all things from His high and lofty throne. *"Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool"* (Isaiah 66:1). While *"our Father"* shows His nearness to His children, *"which art in Heaven"* reminds us that He is high above us and we need the Mediator to span the infinite distance between us and God.

3. THE PURITY OF GOD. *"Hallowed be Thy Name."* The first petition has no reference to our needs. We pray for the exaltation of our Lord's name; we pray for His glory. The Name of God is the composite of all His attributes. His name is *"Holy,"* and the only way we can approach Him is through Christ who *"once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust to bring us to God"* (1 Peter 3:18).

4. THE PURPOSE OF GOD. *"Thy kingdom come."* While the first petition has to do with the glory of God, the second has to do with the advancement of His spiritual kingdom. This is simply a request that the Lord send forth the gospel of grace and effectually gather into the fold of salvation men and women who are lost in sin. We pray for the enlargement of the kingdom of God's dear Son and the overthrow of the kingdom of darkness.

5. THE PROGRAM OF GOD. *"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."* In prayer we make no attempt to change the will of God, instead, we ask for the success of that which He set out to do before He founded the world. The will of God is just, right and good, so we pray that He will bring to pass that which He has decreed in old eternity and we ask for grace to submissively bow to and rejoice in His perfect will.

6. THE PROVISION OF GOD. *"Give us this day our daily bread."* First, give us Christ, *"the true Bread from heaven"* (John 6:32). Second, give us *"day by day"* (Luke 11:3) those things which we physically require. We trust *"our Father"* to daily provide for all our needs.

7. THE PARDON OF GOD. *"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."* We know that the sins of the Lord's people were put away by the substitutionary death and resurrection of Christ. Believing Him, we ask for a daily application of pardoning grace. None can grant forgiveness except the One against Whom we have sinned, and He can only do that in a just way, because of Christ's sacrifice. (continued on page 4)

8. THE PROTECTION OF GOD. *"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."* We ask to be led in *"paths of righteousness, for His name's sake"* (Psalm 23:3), and to be daily preserved from the power of inward evil as well as the power of the evil one. Thankfully, we are *"kept by the power of God"* (1 Peter 1:3).

9. THE PREEMINENCE OF GOD. *"For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen."* This is the doxology. In all of our prayers, our great desire is to ascribe all praise and honor to the Lord.

—Pastor Jim Byrd