

April 15, 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 BROTHER JAMES MWALE

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TYPES AND SHADOWS SET ASIDE

Tune: "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place," (CM/ double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Since Christ the Lord has come to earth,
The types are set aside;
The shadows are replaced by Him
Who for His people died.
The sacrifices which of old,
Unto the Lord were given;
Could not remove a single sin,
Nor raise a soul to heav'n.
The only sacrifice which could
Atone and bring us nigh,
Was Christ the precious Lamb of God,
Whose name we magnify.
The Son of God laid down His life,
For all His chosen race;
We praise Him for His sacrifice,
And His redeeming grace.
Since Jesus died and rose again,
The law is satisfied;
And all for whom He tasted death,
Our God has justified.
Come blessed Savior, wash us now,
Thy cleansing blood apply;
And robe us in Thy righteousness,
On Thee our hopes rely.

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"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (Hebrews 11:13).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 15 Gail Ison
16 Betty Frazier
19 Scott Busch
Steve Malone

April 20 Tim McClean
Alex Gregg
21 Shelby Conley

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Mike Sturm upon the passing of his dear mother. Helen Sturm fell asleep in Jesus last week.

Brother James Mwale, pastor of the Free Gospel Grace Church in Malawi, Africa will be speaking for us Wednesday night. Let's give him a good hearing. A time of meeting and greeting will follow the service and refreshments will be served. A sign-up sheet for food is on the communion table.

The last Sunday of this month, April 29th, we will have the Lord's Supper immediately following our morning worship service. We will gather in the fellowship room for lunch afterwards. Also at that time we will be recognizing our high school graduates—Sarah McLeod, Brooke Maynard and Jeremiah Burchett. Please note that there will be no evening service that night. Sign-up sheets for food are on the communion table.

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THE AWFULNESS OF SIN

No human tongue can set forth the vileness and filthiness of sin. How indescribably horrible every sin is to God Almighty. Solomon said, "Fools make a mock of sin" (Proverbs 14:9). Fools are unregenerated men, those who are graceless and Christless. They speak lightly of sin, but those made wise unto salvation neither mock it nor belittle its seriousness. We understand that sin is missing the mark of perfection and must be dealt with by God in a manner consistent with His holiness. Judge the terribleness of sin by the greatness of the only sacrifice that could take it away - the substitutionary death of the Son of God. "And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin" (1 John 3:5). In the death of Christ, we are made to realize that sin is not a trivial thing to God. It is an affront to His holy character, an attack upon His throne; it is treason against Him and so He declares, "the soul that sinneth shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). We can best determine the foulness of sin by the value of the sacrifice that cleanses from it. "The blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). If His bloody death was necessary to remove it, how unspeakably evil sin must be. Think of who took it away - "the only begotten of the Father" (John 1:14) - and of what had to be done to take it away. He had to join Himself to our nature and become like unto those He came to save. He must step down from His lofty throne to live among people who hated God. He must bear their insults, be falsely accused, publicly humiliated, beaten and crucified. The iniquities of His people must be laid on Him and He must endure the wrath of God in our stead. He must be forsaken by the Father and suffer the fury of His judgment against sin. The awfulness of sin can only be determined by the worth of the only offering that could put it away, the substitutionary sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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HEALING BY THE STRIPES OF CHRIST

"By His stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). We must not think that by self-loathing, self-deprivation or self-humiliation we will be healed of the disease of sin. The healing of the soul is to be found in the humiliation of Christ, not in ours; in His agonies, not ours; in His sufferings, not ours; in His death, not ours. To look to, rely upon or trust in anything other than the crucified Redeemer is to set up a rival to Christ. Do not beat-up on yourself thinking that God will be more pleased with you. God is only pleased with His Son. Look outside of sinful self to the crucified, buried, risen and exalted Christ. Spiritual healing is by the stripes of the Savior, not the stripes of the sinner. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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Stricken, smitten and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected,
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By His Son God now has spoken:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.
Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him,
Was the stroke that Justice gave.
Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose its evil great;
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate;
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.
Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt;
None shall ever be confounded,
Who on Him their hope have built. —Thomas Kelly, 1804