

April 22, 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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GRANT THY SALVATION

Tune: "Take My Life," (7.7.7.7.)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Come Jehovah with us meet,
As we worship at Thy feet;
Here we are assembled now,
Prostrate Lord we humbly bow,
Prostrate Lord we humbly bow.

Thou art God and Thou alone,
Reigning on Thy sovereign throne;
Thou the Potter, we the clay,
Grant salvation, Lord we pray,
Grant salvation, Lord we pray.

Show us mercy is our plea,
By the blood of Calvary;
Speak the Word that we may live,
All our sinfulness forgive,
All our sinfulness forgive.

May Thy glory fill this place,
Grant to us Thy saving grace;
Thine the praise shall ever be,
Now and for eternity,
Now and for eternity.

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"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart" (Ecclesiastes 7:2).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 23 Jeannie Farris
24 Ron Trabandt
26 Jeremiah Burchett

April 27 Anna Kuehne
28 Peggy Kemper

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Next Sunday morning we will partake of the Lord's Supper and then enjoy lunch together as well as recognize our high school graduates - Katie Walker, Sarah McLeod, Brooke Maynard and Jeremiah Burchett. There will be no evening worship service next Sunday night. Sign-up sheets for food are on the communion table.

Due to the school year being lengthened by some school districts, we will not have our Bible School this year. Our picnic will still be held on Friday, June 15th at Armco Park shelter #9.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Dan Thomas and family upon the death of his father, Andy Earl Thomas who passed away April 17th.

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THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

"He healed them that had need of healing" (Luke 9:11), that is to say, on this gracious occasion, no single case came before Him which baffled Him. However rampant might be the disease, however extreme the condition of the patient's malady, Jesus wrought an instantaneous cure. And truly to this very hour no spiritual sickness has defeated the great Physician. No sin-sick souls have ever been carried away from His feet to perish hopelessly because their need outreached His power. Satan's worst is soon undone by Jesus' best. The Son of God in no solitary instance has been foiled. Still in the goings forth of His mercy, He has "healed them that had need of healing." From morning till night, as fast as the various patients presented themselves, He wrought their cure. There was an eye to be opened here, hearing to be given there, a lame man to be made to leap, a withered limb to be outstretched, there was leprosy to be cleansed, dropsy to be dried, fever, epilepsy, madness and all manner of maladies to be subdued, but Jesus paused not, virtue continued still to flow to heal "them that had need of healing." In spiritual sicknesses, the great Healer of our sin-sick nature has by no means declined in power. He is far from being exhausted by the number of applicants who have come to Him. We do well to sing, "Thy precious blood shall never lose its power; till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more." If this present world should continue through a century of thousands of years, yet no sinner shall apply to Jesus for pardon and find that His cleansing efficacy has ceased; so long as sin shall pollute this earth, the Savior shall remain to purify those who believe in Him. —C. H. Spurgeon

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CHRIST BORE OUR SINS

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). How did the Son of God come to bear our sins? "The LORD hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). The Father made the iniquities of all His people to meet upon our great Scapegoat, Jesus Christ. Certainly this does not mean that the evil, the filth, the vileness and the wretchedness of our iniquities were laid upon Him for that would contradict other portions of Scripture. He "offered Himself without spot to God" (Hebrews 9:14). "For Christ hath also once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). If, when Christ died, He remained the "Just" One who was "without spot," the meaning must therefore be that the guilt of the sins of His people was laid upon Him and put to His account by the Father. Christ was charged with our indebtedness for He was the Surety of the elect even from old eternity (Hebrews 7:22). Christ, bearing the blame for our iniquities, must therefore feel, endure and fully satisfy the wrath of God which our sins merited. "He was oppressed and He was afflicted," (Isaiah 53:7) or, as some translate those words, "it was exacted and He answered." God the Father required reparation for the sins of all those in whose stead His Son was the Substitute and Christ answered every demand to render that satisfaction. Their redemption price was exacted from Him, that price being His death. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture" (1 Co 15:3). "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14). "Exceeding abundant" means to over fill, more than enough. Our redemption price was not barely paid by the bloody death of the Lamb of God. Our sins were swept away in the mighty torrent of the blood of the glorious Savior. "Jesus paid it all, all the debt I owed; sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow." There was and continues to be infinite power in the blood of the Son of God to keep on cleansing us from all sins (1 John 1:7). The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is a well without a bottom; it is like the love and grace of God, there is an infinite depth to them. Never despair as to the merits of the sacrifice of Christ to satisfy divine justice to the complete removal of your sins from the very remembrance of God. Fellow believer, do you sometimes think to yourself, "How can I have any hope of salvation for my sins are too great?" Yes, your sins are great and so are mine, but do not undervalue Christ's redemption. Do not imagine that there is more power in your sins to damn you than there is power in the blood of Christ to save you. Hear the Word of the Lord. "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee" (Isaiah 44:22). "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 10:17).

—Pastor Jim Byrd