

June 17, 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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SALVATION IS BY GRACE

Tune: "This is my Father's World," (SM/double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Salvation is by grace,
God's grace must save the soul.
No work of man will share a part,
Free grace must make us whole.
In covenantal love,
Before the world began,
God chose a multitude to save,
A wondrous, gracious plan.*

*Salvation is by grace,
Through God the Father's Son;
Who came to save us from our sin,
And He the work has done.
Christ was the sacrifice,
He bought His chosen bride;
Since Jesus gave His life for us
God's law is satisfied.*

*Salvation is by grace,
Though we were dead in sin;
The Spirit came in saving might,
And wrought new life within.
O bless the name of God,
His praises let us sing;
That grace which guides us day by day
Will lead us to our King.*

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"Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?" (Ecclesiastes 8:4).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

June 23 Sarah Busch

June 24 Leah Lauhon

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"WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE"

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous" (1 John 2:1). This Scripture encourages the believer to trust and hope in the mercy of God AT ALL TIMES! It does not say, "If any man is holy, prayerful, and always faithful, he has an Advocate;" but it says, "If any man SIN, he has an Advocate with the Father." It does not say, "If any man sins he forfeits his right to Christ's advocacy." Grace that can be forfeited because of human failure is not grace at all. Mercy that is conditioned upon the merit of the creature is not mercy at all. If my title to glory rests upon my works, either BEFORE OR AFTER conversion, it is a total failure. This scripture declares that at all times, under all circumstances, Jesus Christ is our Righteousness, our Sanctification, our Advocate, and our Redemption. So when I sin, when I consider my past or present and come creeping to my closet with a guilty conscience and an aching heart, I can rejoice in the mercy of my Father, for I have an advocate – "Jesus Christ the Righteous!" —Henry Mahan

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A God-taught and God-called preacher is not one who invents new doctrine or omits or edits old doctrine. He is a faithful proclaimer of the undiluted Word of the living God. He declares God as He is to sinners as we are. He announces the good news of salvation, forgiveness, reconciliation and everlasting righteousness in Jesus Christ, the God-Man, who was crucified, buried, arose, ascended and is enthroned in everlasting glory. A preacher sent by the Lord sets forth the truth, just as it is, to sinners, just as they are. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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DESERVING OF WRATH, BUT APPOINTED TO SALVATION

"God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:9). It is not that the Lord's people were undeserving of wrath for we "were by nature children of wrath, even as others," (Ephesians 2:3). But, the Lord has "delivered us from the wrath to come" (1 Thessalonians 1:10). How was this salvation "obtained?" "By our Lord Jesus Christ." Salvation is in Christ and He alone had to do the work. As the elect were appointed to obtain salvation, to possess it and to enjoy it, so Christ was appointed to accomplish it by His justice-satisfying death and resurrection. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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THE LION-KING AND LAMB

"Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth" (Revelation 5:5-6).

This passage records a portion of the vision John saw when heaven was opened and he was called to "come up hither" (Revelation 4:1). He saw the triumphant Shiloh as the Lion of the tribe of Judah who slays His enemies and gathers and protects His offspring (read Genesis 49:8-10). Though seeing Him as the Lion, yet John also saw Him as a Lamb Who died for His chosen ones to satisfy justice and put away their sins. Note the words, "as it had been slain." The Lamb is worthy to intercede for sinners and rule the world by sovereign power because He was slaughtered for the sins of those in whose stead He died. He finished the work of redemption for the people the Father gave Him in covenant love. John observed that the Lamb had "seven horns and seven eyes." He has perfect power, knowledge and wisdom to execute His eternal will.

"He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne" (verse 7). John attentively watched the Lion-Lamb take the scroll of eternal decrees out of the hand of Him that sat upon the throne. This is the volume of predestination containing the divine will regarding everything. All things are working toward the completion of God's eternal purpose of grace -- the salvation of a chosen people and the exaltation of their Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone was found worthy to receive the book, open its seals and bring to pass everything God has ordained. The mighty Savior took the scroll, not by force or fraud, but by right because He "prevailed." By His death and resurrection, He has gotten the victory over sin, Satan, the world and the grave. He earned the privilege of universal dominion by establishing righteousness for those entrusted to Him by the Father in the everlasting election of grace. Little wonder then that when the Lion-Lamb received the book, saved sinners of every age erupt into praise. All the ransomed delightfully acknowledge His worthiness to loose the seals of the book for He redeemed His people. "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth" (verse 9). —Pastor Jim Byrd