

July 1, 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.
NO MID-WEEK SERVICE

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JESUS DIED FOR SINNERS

Tune: "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL," (CM/Double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Consider this amazing truth,
For sinners Jesus died;
To save them from unending woe,
The Son was crucified.
Their cause the Savior undertook,
From old eternity;
To save the chosen of the Lord,
From sin to set them free.
The Father laid upon His Son,
Their sinfulness and blame;
And in their place He bled and died,
To purge them from all shame.
'Twas by the Savior's sacrifice,
The law was satisfied;
"Tis finished," was the Victor's cry,
Then bowed His head and died.
He rose again and ever lives,
The King and Advocate;
For sinners Jesus intercedes,
The mighty Potentate.
How safe the souls for whom He died,
They never shall be lost;
He bore their sins upon the tree,
And paid their ransom cost.
But how can I find any rest,
To know that when He bled,
He sealed my pardon with His blood,
And suffered in my stead?
If by the Spirit of His grace,
Christ Jesus I believe;
Then all is well and when I die,
My soul He will receive.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July 3 Susannah Imes
5 Jackson Elliott

July 6 Jack Kuehne
7 Ivy Rose Kuehne

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Mark your calendars. Our Bible Conference dates are: November 9-11.

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Some years ago I was told that a person with ill-will toward me said of my preaching, "He never had an original thought in his life." At first I took offense, but after some consideration about the accusation, I viewed it as a compliment. As a preacher of the gospel, the Lord having commissioned me to "preach the word," my duty has never been to formulate new doctrine or have original thoughts about the things of God. My obligation is and continues to be to merely repeat the ancient message of redeeming grace and mercy to sinners by the grace of God through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Does the Holy Spirit give me additional understanding of truth? Absolutely. Does the Holy Spirit give me additional truth to proclaim? Absolutely not! As the old saying goes, I wasn't sent to reinvent the wheel, just keep it rolling! When the Lord calls a man to preach, that man is not appointed to set forth doctrines nobody has ever heard before. In fact, if we hear a man preaching something that is quite different, unique and inconsistent with the message of other preachers of the gospel and, primarily, contrary to the word of the Lord, we must call it into question for that which is true is not new and that which is new is not true when it comes to Biblical issues. It is a temptation that has plagued many a preacher, to put forth things which are unusual and exclusive to himself, but that is something to which the Lord's servants must never yield. My job is to simply be a mouth-piece for the Lord to those who come to hear me. It is always my prayer that the Lord filter my words; I never want to say anything that has the slightest appearance of being contrary to the old, old story of the gospel of His saving grace. My desire is to retell the truth that God has taught me, truth which I have been brought to love. Like all who have set forth the gospel, my responsibility is to speak only those things set forth in the Word of God. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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"Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength." (Isaiah 40:27-29).

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FIVE FACTS ABOUT SIN

1. He who fell into sin is man. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). God created man upright, but Adam transgressed the law of God. Since he was a representative man, all of his posterity, the human race, became sinners through his transgression. We are all born as sinful people; Adam's transgression was imputed to all his seed.
2. He who jests about sin is a fool. "Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favor" (Proverbs 14:9). Fools call good evil and evil good. Sin is not a light, trivial thing; it is rebellion against God and is punishable by eternal death.
3. He who confesses his sin to the Lord is forgiven. "I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah" (Psalm 32:5). "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).
4. He Who died to put away the sins of His people is Christ Jesus. "Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). "Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:3). "For as by one man's disobedience many (all his seed) were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many (all His seed) be made righteous" (Romans 5:19).
5. He Who pardons sin is the Lord. "Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" (Luke 5:21) The only One who can forgive sin is the One Who has been sinned against and the way He forgives is in a just way - by exacting the payment for sin from Christ Who suffered, bled, died and arose as our Substitute. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" Corinthians 5:21).

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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SUBSTITUTION

In one word, the great fact on which the Christian's hope rests is substitution. The vicarious sacrifice of Christ for the sinner, Christ's suffering for the sinner, Christ's being made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him, Christ offering up a true and proper substitutionary sacrifice in the place of as many as the Father gave Him, who are recognized by their trusting in Him — this is the cardinal fact of the gospel.

Substitution is the very marrow of the whole Bible, the soul of salvation, the essence of the gospel. We ought to saturate all our sermons with it, for it is the lifeblood of a gospel ministry.

—C. H. Spurgeon