

July 29, 2018

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD
Evening Worship - NO EVENING SERVICE
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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service—7:00 p.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

PRAISE THE PRECIOUS LAMB OF GOD

Tune: "There Is a Fountain," (CM/double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Let all who trust the Son of God,
Remember Calvary.
Behold Who died upon that tree,
From sin to set us free.
'Twas Jesus Christ, the promised Lamb,
Who suffered in our place;
Sure never was such mercy seen,
Such boundless love and grace.
O see Him fastened to the cross,
His nail-pierced hands and feet;
In Jesus Christ our Substitute,
God's love and justice meet.
The Father charged unto His Son,
Our sinfulness and shame;
And Jesus was responsible
For all our guilt and blame.
'Twas by the Savior's sacrifice,
The law was satisfied;
And sin was fully washed away,
When Jesus bled and died.
Now seated on His sovereign throne,
He evermore shall reign;
So praise the precious Lamb of God,
Who for our sins was slain.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July 29 Amanda Conley

July 31 Trish Robinette

Aug. 1 Luke McSweeney

At the close of our worship service this morning we will partake of the Lord's Supper. This is an ordinance which our Savior ordained for those who believe Him; we eat the bread and drink the wine in remembrance of the Savior and His successful work of redemption upon the cross of Calvary. Let all who rest in Christ alone for their soul's salvation partake with thanksgiving as we remember our Lord's death until He comes again.

Everyone is invited to remain after our service and enjoy food and fellowship together. Please note that we will not have an evening service tonight.

IN THE STEAD OF

Abraham received a divine command to offer his son as a burnt offering (Genesis 22:2). When all things were ready - the location reached, the altar built, the wood laid in order, Isaac bound and laid on the altar - Abraham raised the sacrificial knife to carry out the command. But the Lord stopped him from killing Isaac and a ram was offered, "*for a burnt offering in the stead of his son*" (verse 13). What kind of justice would have required Abraham, after he offered the ram, to also kill Isaac? Of course that would have been no justice at all for the ram died "*in the stead of*" Isaac.

Christ came into this world to "*give His life a ransom for many*" (Matthew 20:28). As the ram died in the place of Isaac, so the Savior died in the stead of His chosen people. The law of God demanded death for our sins and a fit and worthy Substitute rendered to justice that which it required. It was the death of the Lord Jesus that enabled God to be "*a just God and a Savior*" (Isaiah 45:21). If Christ has paid my debt of sin, then no debt of sin remains; if He has put away my guilt, then no guilt lingers; if He brought in everlasting righteousness for me, then divine justice finds me to be perfect in Christ, "**THE LORD MY RIGHTEOUSNESS.**" Bless His Name, God has given to me "*a good hope through grace*" (2 Thessalonians 2:16). It is true that I am a great sinner, but I am a great sinner in whose stead the Son of God has died. I am assured of this for He has brought me to cast my poor soul with all of its concerns upon this great Savior. He is all my hope, my salvation, my righteousness and my life. I have no confidence in myself, my feelings, my experience, my knowledge, or my faith. My hope rests in the person and bloody sacrifice of Christ my Substitute. I find, therefore, that since Christ has died and the justice of God has been appeased, that same justice which once brought fear to my soul, is now a very heart-comforting truth. From the Word of God, I know there is no possibility that any sinner can perish in whose stead Christ has died. Justice would never allow it.

THE SIN OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Though God sees sin in His people with His eye of omniscience, yet not with His eye of revenging justice. Though He sees them, in respect of His providence, which reaches all things, yet not in respect of justification. Though He takes notice of His people's sins so as to chastise them in **a fatherly way**, for their good; yet He does not see them, take notice of them, and observe them in **a judicial way**, so as to impute them to them, or require satisfaction for them. "*God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them*" (2 Corinthians 5:19). No, He has imputed them to Christ...and Christ has made full satisfaction for them and therefore, "*Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth: who is He that condemneth? It is Christ that died*" (Romans 8:33-34). God will not require satisfaction at the hands of His people for their sins. He will not punish them on account of them. They shall never enter into condemnation for "*there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus*" (Romans 8:1). Was God to see sin in His people in this sense, and proceed against them in a forensic way, He must act contrary to His justice and set aside the satisfaction of His Son.

"We have not an High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

"Without sin!" O that this were my happy state, cries the sanctified soul. Verily, as sure as the word of God is true, you will soon enjoy this perfect freedom from your worst enemy. But you must be content to wait God's time and live in His way, that is by faith upon your best Friend, Jesus. Your present blessedness is to understand and rejoice in this great mystery that Christ, who knew no sin, was made sin for us; therefore, by faith we glory, knowing that God looks on us and blesses us as righteous in Christ, and does not impute sin unto us. As the Head is without sin, so are all the members, as viewed by God. And this is the evidence that we are born of the Spirit and have the mind of Christ that we hate all sin, long for entire deliverance from it and aspire after full conformity to the image of Christ, but this we cannot enjoy in the body. We must first sleep in Jesus ere we awake after His perfect likeness.

"LORD, what is man, that Thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that Thou makest account of him! Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away" (Psalm 144:3-4).