

September 16, 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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SING THE HONORS OF JEHOVAH

Tune: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship," (8.7.8.7. /double)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Brethren, join your hearts for worship,
Let us now our Lord adore;
Sing the honors of Jehovah,
Praise His Name forevermore.
He is God, there is no other,
And He governs everywhere;
Lift aloud your voice and praise Him,
None with Him can e'er compare.

Sing the praises of the Savior,
Jesus Christ, our God and King;
He is worthy of our worship,
Come, your homage to Him bring.
He redeemed His chosen people,
When upon the cross He died;
All the law He fully honored,
Justice - Jesus satisfied.

By the Spirit of the Savior,
Faith in Christ we have obtained;
We are saved by mighty power,
As the Lord Himself ordained.
Soon He'll call us home to heaven,
Where His chosen, ransomed race;
Will forever sing His praises,
For His free and sovereign grace.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sept. 16 Bobbi Skelly
18 Leslee McLeod
19 Jill Whitt
Angelina Patel

Sept. 20 Connor Kuehne
21 Carl Griffith
Clifford Caudill
Jim Voss

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Crystal Osburn whose brother passed away a few days ago in South Dakota.

Two weeks from today (Sept. 30th) we will partake of the Lord's Supper at the close of our morning worship service and then enjoy fellowship and lunch together. There will be no evening service that night. Sign-up sheets for food are on the table down front.

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BEHOLD THE HOLINESS OF GOD

"Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness" (Psalm 30:4). Defining the holiness of God is difficult, but I can point you in the right direction to behold the manifestation of it in its purest form. Divine holiness is best seen in the cross-death of Christ. Hell with all its horrors: the worm that does not die, the fire that cannot be quenched, the smoke of the torment of the wicked that rises forever and the unending cries of condemned souls all set forth impressive proofs of divine holiness. All of them together, however, fall short of fully manifesting the holiness of God. It is only the substitutionary agonies, sufferings and death of Christ Jesus our Savior that completely sets forth the undiluted holiness of God.

The holiness of the Lord never appeared more glorious than when our Savior hung upon the cross of sin and shame and endured the wrath of God to pay the debt His people owed to the justice of God. If we ask, "Why did the Savior cry, 'My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me,'" the answer is not difficult to find. In the same passage we read, "but Thou art holy" (Psalm 22:1, 3). We often sing: "He took my sins and my sorrows and made them His very own; He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone!" That is why He died, because of our sins and our sorrows which were imputed to Him. Behold the Son of the everlasting Father as He endures infinite wrath to save His people. Christ was the "Just dying for the unjust to bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18), the Innocent giving His life for the guilty and the Righteous One expiring for the wicked. Divine justice, finding that the iniquities of the sheep had been laid upon Jehovah's righteous Servant (Isaiah 53:6), poured upon Him all of the vengeance of a holy God which had been immeasurably aggravated and offended by the sins of His people. Infinite wrath lashed out against His holy soul and the sword of justice was plunged into His heart. "God spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all" (Romans 8:32) and here is the reason: "Thou art holy" (Psalm 22:3). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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THE WORK OF THE SOVEREIGN SPIRIT

Believing the gospel is not an easy or small thing. The message of salvation altogether by grace based upon the merits and work of the Son of God is offensive to the natural man because it declares his inability to save himself. It proclaims that redemption has been obtained, reconciliation has been accomplished and righteousness has been brought in for all of God's people by the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. When God the Holy Spirit comes to a spiritually dead sinner, He finds in that poor soul nothing with which to work. The sinner's mind is enmity against God, his heart is as an adamant stone toward the truth and his will is set in opposition against the divine will. The Spirit must quicken the dead, break down the rebellion, convince of sin, grant repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord must seal upon the heart and conscience of the newly regenerated sinner that blessed truth that he or she stands accepted before a holy God solely upon the ground of the bloody sacrifice of the glorious Redeemer. What but the work of the sovereign Spirit could bring a needy sinner to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? —Pastor Jim Byrd

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"...God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:5-7).

How calming and restful are these words! Where, in the world's wilderness, grows the flower of heart's-ease as it blooms and blossoms here? What cares have they lightened! What anxieties have they removed! What burdens have they unclasped! What springs of joy and comfort and hope have they unsealed in many a sad and oppressed heart!

But, do you not, beloved reader, need to be put in constant remembrance of this divine secret...of rest, amid toil; of repose, amid disquietude; of soothing, amid corroding cares; of confidence and hope, in the midst of change and troubles?

Bewildered and oppressed by the multitude of anxious thoughts within you, is there not a danger of being so absorbed by the care, as to overlook the Caretaker? Is there not a danger to forget the heart's ease, in the overwhelming of the heart's anxiety? "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." —Octavius Winslow

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"For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king: He will save us" (Isaiah 33:22).