

September 30, 2018

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship - NO SERVICE
Message 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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CHRIST OUR SAVIOR AND REDEEMER

Tune: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," (8.7.8.7. double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Christ our Savior and Redeemer,
Saved us from eternal loss;
For He bore our sins and sorrows,
When He died upon the cross.
Glad the tidings of salvation,
All our sins on Him were laid;
Trusting soul now hear this message,
Christ your sin-debt fully paid.*

*Look my friends, behold with wonder,
See who died to set us free;
'Twas the Lord, the righteous Servant,
Put to death on Calvary.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
Lamb of God for sinners slain;
God in human flesh enduring,
All our judgment, grief and pain.*

*Hear Him lift His voice in triumph,
"It is finished." Praise His Name!
Gone our guilt and our transgressions,
He removed our sin and blame.
Resurrected and ascended,
Now He reigns upon His throne;
Christ our Savior and Redeemer,
Intercessor for His own.*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*Oct. 2 Lisa Busch
Joe Horan
Joyce Salyer
Brady Osburn
4 Cynthia McClean*

*Oct. 5 Alissa Terry
Sheila Terry
Cora Winters
6 Faye Ronk*

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It is always delightful when the church of Christ gathers for worship; it is a special blessing when we meet and observe the Lord's Supper in remembrance of our Savior's sacrifice on the cross. He loved us with an everlasting love and redeemed us by His blood. Today, it our privilege to partake of this memorial supper after the morning message. I hope you can stay afterward and enjoy a time of food and fellowship. There will be no service this evening.

Remember brother Ron Trabandt in prayer as he is preaching today for the First Baptist Church of Almont, Michigan.

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Who really delivered up the Lord Jesus to die? It was not the devil, though he certainly hated the Father and the Son of God. It was not Judas who despised the Master and was willing to receive a small pittance of thirty pieces of silver for his vile deed of betrayal. It was not Pilate who would have released Jesus, but refused to do the right thing because he was fearful of the people. It was not the Roman soldiers who received some sort of debased satisfaction from crucifying felons, making men suffer the cruelest form of capital punishment of that day. It was not even the Sanhedrin whose hatred and envy were aroused because Jesus of Nazareth exposed their self-righteousness and He was accumulating more followers than they were. Who really delivered the Son of God up to die? *"It pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief"* (Isaiah 53:10). The Father delivered Christ up to die. He designed in eternity past and brought to pass in time the death of His only begotten Son; this was the only way to save sinners. The Lamb of God must die in order to rescue the objects of the Father's everlasting love. Justice must be satisfied in the punishment of sin; divine grace must be made known in the salvation of the objects of God's affection. Observe the cross of Calvary and behold the purpose of God being fulfilled. See the One who suffered, bled and died on that tree. His sacrificial death honored justice, fulfilled God's determination to save and actually reconciled to God all of those entrusted to Him in the everlasting covenant of mercy. *"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"* (Romans 8:32)

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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A STRAIGHT STICK

As a child, did you ever put a stick into some water and become amazed because it seemed to be bent and then you removed it only to find it straight again? Of course the water did not actually bend the stick. In scientific terms it was due to refraction of light. Your discernment was deceived; no matter what information the eyes sent to the brain, the stick was not altered.

Isn't that the way it is with our fleshly observation of the workings of providence? Though God's chosen, redeemed, regenerated and believing people are assured that *"all things work together for good"* (Romans 8:28), yet when we look at things through carnal eyes we see crookedness in the events that happen to us. When the flesh observes the "stick in the water," it sends a disturbing signal to the heart that our life has suddenly become bent out of shape. This was the natural reasoning of Jacob as he viewed some "sticks in the water." He judged according to the flesh that *"all these things are against me"* (Genesis 42:36), but he was wrong and so are we when we form an opinion of the dealings of God with us from a carnal viewpoint. Natural understanding is not equipped to correctly judge the mysteries of providence. We must look at all things with the eyes of faith, trusting our Father's goodness, wisdom and grace. Pay no attention to the information carnal reasoning and perception sends to the mind and heart. Rest assured child of God, there is nothing wrong with the "stick." No matter how crooked things may appear, every "stick" remains straight. God's eternal purpose pertaining to each of His blood-washed and righteous people is being carried out by providence with lovingkindness and with exact precision.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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"Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but My righteousness shall be for ever, and My salvation from generation to generation" (Isaiah 51:7-8).

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A COMPASSIONATE HIGH PRIEST

"Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted" (Hebrews 2:17-18). The Son of God, in our nature, having finished His redemption-work, and returned to heaven, wears that nature in an everlasting union with His GODHEAD. So that as God and Man in one Person, He hath a perfect sense and apprehension of what constitutes the nature of both. He knows as GOD. He feels as MAN. Hence, it follows, that His consciousness of what our nature is by His own, cannot but make Him enter into an intimate concern and fellow-feeling, in all that belongs to His church. He knows all, enters into the concerns of all, and feels for all His afflicted people.

—Robert Hawker