

October 14, 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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(webcasting live during listed service times)  
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service—7:00 p.m.  
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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**JUSTIFIED BY BLOOD**

Tune: "From Every Stormy Wind That Blows," (LM)  
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

We bless the name of Christ the Lord,  
And sing His praise with one accord;  
Redemption's work was fully done,  
By Him, the Father's precious Son.

Each of the prophecies of old,  
Concerning Christ, by men foretold;  
They all are finished, for our God  
Upon this earth in flesh has trod.

No sacrifice on altars slain,  
Could wash away our guilt and stain;  
But Christ the Lamb for us has died,  
God with His work is satisfied.

This message brings us joy and cheer,  
Let all who trust Him never fear;  
"It's finished," Christ the Savior cried,  
And by His blood we're justified.

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Congratulations to Codey and Megan Hutchinson who were married yesterday. Megan is the daughter of Steve and Susan Malone and granddaughter of Mary McKee. May the Lord be pleased to give Codey and Megan many years together, to serve His cause and enjoy each other.

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Oct. 11 Alice McClean  
18 Al Meek

Oct. 20 Aaron Parker  
Janet Lester

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"Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation" (Psalm 38:21-22).

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The fact that conversion and salvation are of God is a humbling truth. Grace puts its hand on the boasting mouth and shuts it once for all, and then it takes its hand off the mouth and that mouth praises Christ for His sovereign grace. It trembles at the thought of taking any honor and glory from God.

The doctrine which leaves salvation to the creature and tells him that it depends upon himself is the exaltation of the flesh and dishonoring to God. On the other hand, this preaching gives a death-blow to self-sufficiency.

Some preachers want to arouse man's activity. What we want to do is kill it once for all, to show him that he is lost and ruined and that his activities are not able to save him. Some seek to make the man stand up; we seek to bring him down and make him feel that he is in the hands of God and that his business is to submit to God, bow to the claims of Christ, and to cry, "Lord, save me or I perish." We hold that a man is never so near grace as when he feels that he can do nothing at all but cry for mercy. When he says, "I can pray, I can believe, I can do this or that," the marks of self-sufficiency are on his brow. —copied

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**HOW TO PRAY**

Remember, the Lord will not hear you because of the ARITHMETIC of your prayers; He does not count their numbers. The Lord will not hear you because of the RHETORIC of your prayers; He does not care for eloquent language. The Lord will not hear you because of the GEOMETRY of your prayers; He does not compute them by their length or their breadth. The Lord will not hear you because of the MUSIC of your prayers; He does not hearken to voices because they are sweet and harmonious. The Lord will not hear you because of the LOGIC of your prayers; He pays no attention to how well they are arranged or divided.

But the Lord will hear you (and measure the amount of mercy He gives) by the DIVINITY of your prayers. If you can pray sincerely, in the Spirit, and plead the merits of Christ, your prayers will be heard. —copied

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**THE SUCCESSFUL SAVIOR**

"He shall not fail nor be discouraged" (Isaiah 42:4). Is it possible that the omnipotent Savior might fail to accomplish His eternal purpose? Could He ordain something and then His decree be frustrated? The Holy Spirit inspired the prophet of God to take pen in hand and settle the issue once and for all: "He shall not fail." Failure is a human weakness; it indicates the desire to do something, but, due to circumstances either unforeseen or beyond control, the desired outcome is not brought about. Of this much we may be certain: failure is not a word to be used with regard to the Lord our God of whom it is written: "with God, nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). That which He eternally predestinated (all things), His providence brings to pass in time. "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isaiah 46:10). "In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Ephesians 1:11). Notice three things.

1. Christ did not fail to redeem all of God's elect. In His life, death and resurrection He honored the law and made satisfaction to divine justice for the sins of His people. He died that God might be "a just God and a Saviour" (Isaiah 45:21). It was said of Him, "Call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

2. Christ shall not fail to regenerate His chosen ones and bring them to believe the gospel. Though the flesh is enmity against God, though the world opposes the way of grace and though the Devil holds men captive by his will, the Lord's people shall be confronted with the true gospel, quickened by the Spirit and drawn by effectual grace to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power..." (Psalm 110:3).

3. Christ shall not fail to preserve the elect and bring them all safely home to glory. "And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day" (John 6:39). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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**HOW TO READ THE BIBLE**

In 1535, Miles Coverdale produced the first complete translation of the Word of God into English. In the introduction to that significant work, he issued these words of wisdom which are still relevant today. "It will greatly help you to understand Scripture if you note, not only what is spoken and written, but of whom and to whom, with what words, at what time, where, to what intent, with what circumstances, considering what goes before and what follows."