

October 7, 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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MY GRACIOUS FRIEND

Tune: "Take My Life," (77.77.)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Jesus what a matchless Name,
For the Son of God who came;
God the Father sent His Son,
Jesus Christ the holy One,
Jesus Christ the holy One.

Praise His Name He saved my soul,
Cleansed my sin and made me whole;

On the cross of Calvary,
Jesus bled and died for me,
Jesus bled and died for me.

Once for sinners crucified,
All the law Christ satisfied;
What a Substitute was He!
He laid down His life for me,
He laid down His life for me.

From the grave our Lord arose,
Conquered over all our foes;
Now enthroned above the sky,
All my needs He will supply,
All my needs He will supply.

What a mighty, gracious Friend,
Christ will love me till the end;
I will praise His holy Name,
Give Him glory, spread His fame,
Give Him glory, spread His fame.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Oct. 5 Alissa Parker

Oct. 12 Janet Walker

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"I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name" (Psalm 138:2).

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Keep in mind the dates for our annual Bible conference:
November 9th-11th.

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IN MY FLESH DWELLETH NO GOOD THING

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not" (Romans 7:18). Not only Satan and false preachers, but our own flesh is an enemy of salvation by grace alone. Human nature always did kick against salvation by grace through faith and it always will. Even we ourselves, who know that Christ is our righteousness and sanctification, have to do battle with the urge to feel good, holy and wise because of what we have done, given or learned. "Down, foolish thought, thou art the enemy of my soul." "In my flesh dwelleth no good thing." My one hope is pure grace, sovereign grace, grace unqualified! God blesses me because He is good, not because I am good. God saves me because He is gracious, not because I am gracious. God accepts me because of what Christ has done, not because of what I have done. Any good or grace manifested in me is not me at all, but Christ Who dwelleth in me. I can take no credit for any act of mercy or any good thought. Left to myself I would be no better than the most evil creature. —Henry Mahan

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JUSTIFICATION

God the Father contrived the scheme and method of justification; it would have been a puzzling question to angels and men, had not He resolved it: "How should man," sinful man, "be just with God?" But God, in His infinite wisdom, "found a ransom," a Ransomer, a Redeemer of His people, to bring in everlasting righteousness for them, and thereby acquit and discharge them, and "deliver them from going down to the pit" of ruin and destruction. "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself." God was with Him, forming the scheme of their peace and reconciliation, of their redemption, justification, and salvation. "Not imputing their trespasses," but the righteousness of His Son to them (Job 9:2; 33:24; 2 Corinthians 5:19). —John Gill

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ELECTION UNTO SALVATION

What is the doctrine of divine election unto salvation? It is that Biblical truth that God, in sovereign mercy, before the world began and without any consideration of the actions of any man, decreed a specific number of people to be the objects of His great salvation in Christ Jesus. "...And as many as were ordained unto eternal life believed" (Acts 13:48). These would be reconciled, redeemed, justified, sanctified and gloried to "the praise of the glory of His grace" (Ephesians 1:3-6). "For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion" (Romans 9:15). It is obvious from the language of Scripture that God has an elect or chosen people. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth" (Romans 8:33). "...Ye are a chosen generation" (1 Peter 2:9). "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation" (2 Thessalonians 2:13). If the Holy Spirit ever shows a man his sinfulness and what abundant mercy God has showered upon him in choosing him to be an object of saving grace, such a sight will have definite effects.

-1- It will humble him into the dust of self-abasement. Who am I that God would set me apart and give me in covenant grace to the Surety of sinners, the Lord Jesus Christ? What marvelous mercy that the Son of God would receive me as a gift (John 6:37) and undertake to save my poor soul and bring me into the presence of God, washed in His blood and robed in His righteousness!

-2- It will bring him to admire and be amazed at the lovingkindness of God in choosing such an unworthy wretch to be a recipient of such a great salvation.

-3- It will lead him to give everlasting praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His infinite wisdom in devising such a glorious salvation.

-4- It will cause him to pray for and seek the salvation of others knowing that if any are to be saved, the Lord will have to save them for "the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD" (Psalm 37:39). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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The most wonderful PERSON in all the world is Christ; the most wonderful NAME that ever fell upon human ears is that of Christ; the most wonderful SUBJECT that has ever been discussed by human tongue is that of Christ. "His name shall be called Wonderful..." and that is because HE IS WONDERFUL! —Ferrell Griswold

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Allow me to summarize what I believe to be the very essence of the spiritual life of a child of God in two statements: all confidence for salvation, forgiveness, righteousness and acceptance with a holy God is in Christ and Him crucified; he has no confidence in self. —Pastor Jim Byrd