

November 18, 2018

TODAY: Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.
Messages by ELDER RON TRABANDT
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WEDNESDAY: NO MID-WEEK SERVICE

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THE FRIEND OF SINNERS

Tune: "Love Divine," (8.7.8.7./double)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Jesus is the Friend of sinners
Bless His holy, precious Name;
Let us lift aloud His praises,
Joyfully His worth proclaim.
By His blood He washed and cleansed us,
Made us whiter than the snow;
For our sins the Savior suffered,
To pay all the debt we owe.
Though for sin the law condemned us,
From its curse we are set free;
For Christ honored law and justice,
When He died on Calvary.
Let all those who love the Savior,
Who adore this gracious Friend;
Magnify our great Redeemer,
Sing His praises without end.
Do you know our Lord and Savior,
Who alone from sin can save?
Will you humbly bow and trust Him,
Who His life for sinners gave?
O may God the Holy Spirit,
Quicken sinners by His might;
Grant true faith to trust the Savior,
Piercing darkness with the Light.*

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"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isaiah 57:15).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Nov. 18 David Stapleton
20 Rita Burchett
21 David Imes

Nov. 21 Todd Meek
Curt Robinette
Ken Flaming

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I give thanks and praise to the Lord for His manifold blessings upon our Bible Conference. To each of you who contributed in any way to make these meetings a special time for our visitors and all who attended, I give thanks to God for you. If you would like to have a CD of any of the messages preached during the conference, please see Ron Trabant.

Our pastor is preaching in Honolulu; continue to be prayerful for the services there. Today's messages will be delivered by Ron Trabant. There will be no service Wednesday night. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

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COULD THESE MEN BE YOUR PASTOR?

Would you listen to a preacher who would take out a weapon and seriously injure a man? Would you listen to a preacher who from the pulpit called a woman in the congregation a "dog?" Would you listen to a man whose bodily presence and appearance was repulsive to the eye? Would you listen to a preacher who had a disagreement with an apostle? Would you listen to a preacher who once sought to sit in a special place at the right hand of Christ. Would you listen to a preacher who deserted his ministry in the face of the enemy's opposition? Would you listen to a preacher who ran a bunch of people out of church with a whip? Would you listen to a preacher who sometimes fell into such depression that he asked God to let him die? Would you listen to a preacher who, in the presence of some of his own race, refused to eat with believers of another race? Would you listen to a preacher who stood and rebuked a brother face to face concerning the doctrine of grace as it was taught in the church? Would you listen to a preacher who couldn't tell the difference between Judas Iscariot and the true apostles? Could any of these men be your pastor? If not, then neither could the apostles Peter, Paul, John, Mark or any of the other apostles and neither could the Lord Jesus Christ Himself! The gospel is a perfect treasure. Yet, we have this treasure in earthen vessels. Don't expect too much from a clay pot, just be glad if he preaches the gospel of the sovereign grace of God in Christ Jesus. God, in His wisdom, uses the men He does for a reason: that the glory might all be to Him! Sin is never to be excused in any of us, but human perfection is never to be expected!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

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CHRIST REDEEMED HIS PEOPLE

We do not read in the Scriptures that Christ died to purchase eternal happiness for sinners, but what we do read is that He died to redeem the people given to Him in covenant grace before the world began. "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people" (Luke 1:70). The church is said to be His "purchased possession" (Ephesians 1:14). "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law" (Galatians 3:13). In due time He came into this world "to redeem them that were under the law" (Galatians 4:5). "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:14). "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Revelation 5:9). Peter said "ye were redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Paul instructed the elders in the church at Ephesus to "feed the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12). The gracious Benefactor redeemed spiritually bankrupt beggars by His blood. We were in debt to His justice, an indebtedness which we had no ability to pay and about which, by nature, we had no knowledge or interest. The Lord Jesus Christ, by His sacrificial death, rendered to His own law the required payment of the ransom. His people were freed from the claims of the law by a rightful, legal, justice-satisfying purchase. "Then He is gracious unto him and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom" (Job 33:24). There is not a single sin laid to the charge of those people whose ransom price Jesus Christ has paid. In the Old Testament, the high priest offered to God the appointed sacrifice for the cleansing of the children of Israel. "For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD" (Leviticus 16:30). If the typical blood cleansed the people symbolically and ceremonially, how much more must the blood of Christ, offered unto God, perfectly, thoroughly and eternally deliver His people from all sin and make them righteous before the Lord! The result of the ransom price paid by Christ was the real and actual redemption of His people.

—Pastor Jim Byrd