

February 10, 2019

TODAY: 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.
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PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS

Tune: "Take the Name of Jesus with You," (8.7.8.7. w/chorus)

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

*Praise the precious name of Jesus,
Prophet, Priest and reigning King;
Bow before this mighty Sovereign,
Unto Him your praises bring.*

*Chorus: Praise the Name of the Lord;
Praise His Name forevermore;
Praise the Name of the Lord,
Praise His Name forevermore.*

*Hallelujah what a Savior,
Let our thanks to Him ascend;
Trust Him only for salvation,
Jesus Christ – the sinner's Friend. Chorus:*

*O the blessed Name of Jesus,
Who upon Mount Calvary;
Shed His blood to save His people,
Died to set the captives free. Chorus:*

*Let the ransomed sing His praises,
Soon we'll see Him face to face;
Then forever we will praise Him,
For His great redeeming grace. Chorus:*

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"The LORD is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD" (Lamentations 3:25-26).

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*Feb. 11 Shane Pennington
12 Becky Golden
13 Jennifer Maynard
Joe Ronk*

*Feb. 13 Laura McSweeney
16 Rob Golden
Patricia Toler*

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THE VOW OF PHILIP HENRY

When Philip Henry (father of Matthew Henry and author of one of my favorite books, "Christ All in All") was a young man he wrote: "I take God the Father to be my Chief End; I take God the Son to be my King and Savior; I take God the Holy Ghost to be my Guide and Sanctifier; I take the Bible to be my rule of life; I take all God's people to be my friends; and here I give my body and soul to be God's – for God to use forever. I make this vow of my own mind freely: God give me grace to keep it." His last words were, "*O death where is thy...*" (before he could finish the words of 1 Corinthians 15:55, "*sting? O grave where is thy victory?*") he fell asleep in Jesus. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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WHERE IS YOUR REFUGE?

It is a peculiar happiness to observe that in matters of spiritual concern, the philosopher and the ploughman (if truly regenerate) have the same feelings, speak the same language, and they all eat of the same spiritual meat, drink of the same spiritual Rock that follows them, and that Rock is Christ. Hence, this is that sameness of experience, or to speak figuratively, that strong and striking family likeness which exists among the converted people of God in every period of time and in every nation under heaven. They all, without exception, take refuge in the righteousness and cross of Christ and unite in ascribing the whole praise of their salvation only to the free grace and sovereign mercy of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. —Augustus Toplady

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SOVEREIGN GRACE

Man's entire apostasy and death in sin, so that he cannot save himself, and God's entire supremacy, so that He saves whom He will, are doctrines exceedingly distasteful to human pride. But they are Scriptural! Why was one thief saved and the other lost? "*Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight*" (Matthew 11:26). God was not bound to save the one and He had the power enough to have saved the other, and neither could save himself. What made the difference? The sovereign grace of God! "*For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what has thou that thou didst not receive it?*" (1 Corinthians 4:7). —Horatius Bonar

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THE SAVIOR OF SINNERS

Christ, the Anointed One, the true Messiah, the promised Redeemer, the Son of God left the eternal glories of heaven and joined Himself to our nature. Here is the question: why did He do that? Why did the holy Savior condescend to this world of wickedness and be made in the likeness of sinful flesh? Why did He submit Himself to die the death of all deaths, the death of the cross? The answer is not difficult to discover; it is found in the meaning of His Name. "*Thou shalt call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins*" (Matthew 1:21). Christ did not come to put all men in a savable position. He did not come to help sinners save themselves. He did not come to make salvation a possibility. He did not come to offer people the opportunity to be saved. He did not come to begin a work that has to be finished by the sinner. The Word is clear as to His intent in coming, to "*save His people from their sins.*" Did He do that work? In anticipation of His sacrificial death, the Savior prayed to the Father; "*I have glorified Thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do*" (John 17:4). In a few hours, with His dying words, He declared that the work of saving His people was accomplished. "*It is finished*" (John 19:30). This is my hope of salvation and this is my plea before a holy God, that when Christ died He died for me! God can demand no more than the substitutionary death of His Son for the salvation of His chosen people for that death satisfied offended justice. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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SAVED

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (2 Timothy 1:9). That one word – SAVED – is enough to make the heart dance as long as life remains. Saved! Let us hang out our banners and set the bells ringing. Saved! What a sweet sound it is to the man who is wrecked and sees the vessel going down, but at that moment discovers that the lifeboat is near and will rescue him from the sinking ship. To be snatched from the devouring fire, or saved from the fierce disease, just when the turning point has come, and death appears imminent, they are also occasions for crying, Saved! But to be rescued from sin and hell is a greater salvation still, and demands a louder joy. We will sing it in life, whisper it in death and chant it throughout eternity: "*Saved by grace!*" —C. H. Spurgeon