

February 24, 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.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

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PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS

Tune: "Like a River Glorious," (6.5.6.5. w/chorus)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Let the saints of God sing praise unto the name,
Of the One who washed us from our sin and shame;
Christ alone could save us from our lost estate,
Praise the great Redeemer, mighty Potentate.

CHORUS: Praise the name of Jesus, let your praise ascend;
Praise the name of Jesus, praise Him without end.

With His sacrifice our God was satisfied;
By His bloody death our souls were justified;
Risen from the grave He evermore shall reign,
Christ our King and Savior soon will come again. CHORUS:

None can save but Jesus on Him let us call;
He must be our Savior, He must be our all;
May the Holy Spirit grant that we would see;
Only Christ can save us for eternity. CHORUS:

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God, apart from Christ, is an angry, offended Sovereign. Unless we behold Him in and through Christ Jesus, the Mediator, the terrors of His Majesty would overwhelm us. We dare not approach the Father except in Christ, because of our sins. We first fasten our eyes upon Christ, then upon the Father. If Christ doth not bear our guilt and reconcile us unto God – we perish! Before any man can think to stand before the face of God’s justice, or be admitted to the secret chamber of God’s mercy, or partake of the riches of His grace – he must look to the Mediator, Christ Jesus.

—Stephen Charnock

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb. 25 Crystal Osburn
28 Leta Picklesimer
Rita Meek

Feb. 28 Ethan Patel
March 1 Rachel Walker

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"But the LORD is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him" (Habakkuk 2:20).

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BIBLE SCHOOL 2019 - JUNE 17-20
CHURCH PICNIC FRIDAY, JUNE 21, ARMCO PARK SHELTER #9

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"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). The language of a humble soul is: if it be Thy will that I should be in darkness, I will bless Thee; and if it be Thy will that I should be again in light, I will bless Thee. If Thou wilt comfort me, I will bless Thee; and if Thou wilt afflict me, I will bless Thee. If Thou wilt make me poor, I will bless Thee; and if Thou wilt make me rich, I will bless Thee. If Thou wilt give me the least mercy, I will bless Thee; and if Thou wilt give me no mercy, I will bless Thee. —Thomas Brooks

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I came across this prayer in my reading and found it to be humorous and thought-provoking; I hope you will too. The author is unknown.

"Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody’s affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it at all - but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so. Amen."

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SUBSTITUTION

The greatest, most glorious transaction that ever took place on this earth and the most magnificent wonder that ever came to pass was when the pure and perfect Son of God took the place of His guilty people and died on the cross of Calvary. All of the iniquities of His sheep were made to meet upon Him (Isaiah 53:6). Bearing our sins in His own body on the tree (1 Peter 2:24), Christ was punished in the stead of His people. In the covenant of grace, our Surety obligated Himself to pay the debt His people owed to divine justice. Like Paul said to Philemon concerning Onesimus, so Christ, as it were, said to the Father: "If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account, I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it" (Philemon, verses 18-19). Behold the Lord Jesus, having taken responsibility to bleed and die in the place of His guilty people, appeared to "put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" (Hebrews 9:26). If He laid down His life in the stead of His chosen people, it would never be just for God to punish those same people for a debt that had already been paid. Those in whose place Christ died and whose sins were washed away in His blood can never be held responsible for those same sins. All who embrace that heresy of universal redemption believe that Christ paid the debt of all men to God, but that many of those whose debt has been paid will still perish in their sins. What kind of justice would that be? Allow an illustration on this. Here is a man who owes a debt and another steps in and not only offers to pay the indebtedness of his friend, but actually pays his creditor in full. Could the creditor ever come after the man whose debt was paid and demand to be paid again? Of course not! The law would never demand twice payment; the financial responsibility has already been taken care of.

Christ took the place of His guilty people; He suffered the wrath of God on behalf of His fallen people. He bought us from the claims of divine justice and retired all our indebtedness. The honor of God, the faithfulness of God and the integrity of God all give us assurance that none shall ever be punished for sin in whose stead the Savior has already rendered satisfaction to divine justice. O glorious doctrine of substitution! "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor 5:21). —Pastor Jim Byrd

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Christ is the joy of a believer’s life and the life of a believer’s joy.

—Augustus Toplady