

February 3, 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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**O PRAISE THE LAMB**

Tune: DOXOLOGY (LM)  
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Praise God the Son whom angels fear,  
Who came to bring salvation near,  
The Lamb descended from His throne,  
In Him the Father is made known.

Christ came to save and justify,  
And when His hour of death drew nigh;  
He bore our sorrow, sin and shame,  
The “Friend of sinners” was His name.

Behold the Lamb for sinners slain,  
Christ Jesus died, but not in vain;  
He took His chosen people’s place,  
O praise Him for redeeming grace.

The law of God was satisfied,  
When Jesus suffered, bled and died;  
He rose and went back to His throne,  
Soon to return for all His own.

We are redeemed and saved by grace,  
Someday we shall behold His face;  
E’en then our song shall still remain,  
O praise the Lamb for sinners slain.

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Feb. 3 Carson Fain  
4 Linda Davis  
5 Chris Spence

Feb. 6 Laura Sanders  
8 Doug Hennig

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“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful” (Proverbs 27:6).  
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**GOD IS NOT WILLING**

By John Kershaw

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). God the Father is not willing that any of His little ones should perish (Matthew 18:14). He purposed or decreed in His own eternal mind that they shall be saved in Christ with an everlasting salvation (Isaiah 45:17). This is called “the mystery of His will according to the good pleasure in Himself” (Ephesians 1:9). It is also called “the purpose of God according to election,” which shall stand. “My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure” (Isaiah 46:10). “The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations” (Psalm 33:11). “There are many devices in a man’s heart; nevertheless, the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand” (Proverbs 19:21).

So you see, it is the will, counsel and determination of Jehovah the Father that His people should not perish, but be brought to repentance here and to glory hereafter. For “whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified” (Romans 8:30). This passage has often been called the golden chain of salvation; and, it rejoices my soul that a link of it cannot be broken, neither by sin, the world, men, devils, death, nor hell, for these are all vanquished foes – “Our Jesus nailed them to His cross, and sung the triumph when He rose.” “Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us” (Romans 8:37).

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The Bible is a safe harbor where I can drop down my anchor, feeling certain that it will hold. Here is a place where I can find sure footing and, by the grace of God, from this confidence, I shall never be moved. —C. H. Spurgeon

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**THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ” (Romans 8:35)? “Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood...to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (Revelation 1:5-6). We never grow weary of the glorious message of the love of the Bridegroom for His bride. His love “passeth knowledge” (Ephesians 3:19). It is His amazing love that “constraineth us” to faithfully serve Him and seek to live for His glory (2 Corinthians 5:14). Behold Him in the covenant of grace, the Surety of the elect; here is representative love. See Him born in the manger, “God manifest in the flesh” (1 Timothy 3:16), sent to “save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21); here is incarnate love. See the good Shepherd laying down His life for the sheep and rising again because of their justification; here is saving love. Envision Him seated upon His throne of glory, the Advocate of sinners with God; here is interceding love. Rejoice that by His Spirit He indwells us and He will never leave nor forsake us; here is abiding love. Behold Him coming in the clouds to receive us unto Himself that where He is, we will also be; here is everlasting love. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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**BORN OF GOD**

“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him” (1 John 5:1). All who are born of God believe that Jesus is THE CHRIST. The title of Christ signifies anointed and includes all the offices of the Son of God. To believe Him to be the Christ is to believe Him to be THAT PROPHET Moses said should come, the One who would declare the whole mind of the Father. It is to believe Him to be THAT PRIEST who should come after the order of Melchisedec and make atonement for our sins and intercede for the transgressors. It is to believe Him to be THAT KING whom God hath set over all things. This believing is more than a mere assent to the fact or acknowledgment of it; devils have done as much (Luke 4:41). Rather, it is to believe with the heart (Romans 10:9-10) and to look to Him, receive Him and trust Him as our righteousness; it is to lay hold of Him as our fountain of life and to continue through all of life to find in Him all we need. Such faith is far beyond the reach of the human mind; it is the gift of God. Those who believe are born of God. This faith is the result of regeneration, not the product of natural wisdom. Those who are born of God will also love all who are born of God! The phrase “him that is begotten of Him” is not just a reference to Christ alone but also of all who are born of the Spirit. And if we love Christ, we also love ALL who are born of God. It is quite impossible to love Christ and not love His body (1 John 4:19-21). —Henry Mahan