

March 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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GOD SAVED A CHOSEN RACE

*Tune: "Complete in Thee," (LM w/chorus)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd*

*Way back in old eternity,
In council of the trinity;
To save a people God agreed,
Salvation's plan was then decreed.*

*CHORUS: O praise the Lord forevermore,
Honor the Lamb, His name adore;
By matchless, free and sovereign grace,
Our God has saved His chosen race.*

*Into this world of sin He came,
Christ Jesus was the Savior's name;
He was the Father's sacrifice,
Who fully paid our ransom price. CHORUS:*

*Though sinless in His purity,
Christ bore our vile iniquity;
Behold that One who is our Head,
Was punished in His people's stead. CHORUS:*

*Though Jesus died, He ever lives,
And saving grace He freely gives;
We trust the Lord our righteousness,
Who saved us from our wretchedness. CHORUS:*

*Soon Christ will come to claim His bride,
All those for whom He bled and died;
Then at His throne, the holy throng,
Will blend their voices in this song! CHORUS*

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 3 Judy Caudill

March 9 Bill Walker

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"Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds" (Psalm 36:5).

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We express our sincere sympathy to the family of Carl Griffith, who passed away February 22nd. Brother Carl was a charter member of this church.

Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend. Set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.

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We all know that merely going through the outward motion of religion is an abomination to God. The Savior said to the scribes and Pharisees: *"Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophecy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me"* (Matthew 15:7-8). I ask the Lord, therefore, to enable us to worship Him in spirit and in truth, to pray in sincerity, to sing with joy and thanksgiving, to read His word with reverence, to listen to the message attentively, to believe the gospel with the heart and to live in this world so as to glorify Christ and adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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Some of you requested the words of a hymn I quoted last Lord's Day. The lyrics were written by Josiah Conder, an Englishman, in 1856.

*'Tis not that I did choose Thee, for Lord that could not be;
This heart would still refuse Thee, hast Thou not chosen me.
Thou from the sin that stained me, washed me and set me free;
And to this end ordained me, that I should live to Thee.*

*'Twas sovereign mercy called me, and taught my opening mind;
The world had else enthralled me, to heavenly glories blind.
My heart owns none before Thee, for Thy rich grace I thirst;
This knowing if I love Thee, Thou must have loved me first.*

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INDESCRIBABLE SUFFERINGS

There is no way we can even begin to understand how much the blessed Savior suffered, body and soul, to save His people from our sins. The sword of divine vengeance was unsheathed against the holy Son of God, not for any crimes that He had done, but for the crimes of His people. *"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones"* (Zechariah 13:7). Paul declared to the people of Thessalonica that *"Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead"* (Acts 17:3). The reason He had to suffer, bleed and die is because He had assumed the place of His people from before the foundation of the world, though He knew we would fall into sin through Adam's transgression. He took the place of the guilty, making Himself accountable for our iniquities, therefore He must endure the just consequences for all of our sins against the Lord. Christ our Savior willingly took our place in order to endure the wrath and vengeance of God against our transgressions which divine justice required. *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die"* (Ezekiel 18:4). In those hours upon the cross, our Substitute bore up under the anger of God against sin. None can know the fulness of the curse of the broken law but the law-Giver and the law-Satisfier. None can know what horrific punishment is the due reward for sin except Him who poured it out and that blessed One who bore up under the wrath until no vengeance or judgment was left for His people. When Peter was ready to defend the Savior with the sword, the Master said in John 18:11: *"Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?"* We are assured that the Savior drank that cup of wrath down to its last bitter dregs, therefore, no wrath remains for His people. *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus"* (Romans 8:1). There can be no judgment for those in whose stead the Savior suffered, bled, died and arose. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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The book of life, or decree of election, is the marriage-register of the saints in which their everlasting espousal to Christ stands indelibly recorded by the pen of God's free and eternal love.

—August Toplady