

March 31, 2019

TODAY: Morning Worship – 10:15 a.m.
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD
Evening Worship – NO EVENING SERVICE
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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service ----7:00 p.m.
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At the close of our worship service, all of the Lord's children are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. What a great honor to gather as the people of God to eat the bread and drink the wine which picture the body and blood of Christ. The Savior commanded: "*This do in remembrance of me*" (Luke 22:19). This is an ordinance to be observed by those who believe Him. I hope you will all remain after the service to enjoy lunch and fellowship together. There will be no evening service tonight.

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ONE SACRIFICE FOR SIN

Tune: "There is a Fountain" CM/double Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

The blood of bulls and goats could not
Our guilt remove or cleanse;
Salvation from our sin and shame,
Upon the Lord depends.
No sacrifice could satisfy
That which the Lord commands;
No offering that man could bring,
Could equal His demands.

But lo, the Savior from above,
The Father's own dear Son;
Came down to save us from our guilt,
By Him the work was done.
When Jesus died on Calvary,
The law was magnified;
There truth and mercy were displayed,
And God was satisfied.

The Lord in justice freely saves,
For Christ was crucified;
He rose and ever intercedes
For those He bled and died.
O sinner come by faith to Him,
Your wretchedness confess;
And may your trust forever be,
In Christ our righteousness.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 2	Pauline (Polly) Flaming	April 6	Diane Powell
	5 Kristen Smith		Linda Black
	6 Jessica Elliott		Ava Rae Fain

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THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

How can we be sure that the ransom demanded by divine justice for the release of the Lord's captive people has not only been rendered to God, but accepted in accordance with His strict and inflexible justice? What evidence is there that sin has been put away and everlasting righteousness brought in for all of those in whose stead the Lord Jesus suffered, bled and died? What truth certifies that our Substitute who died actually crushed Satan's head at the cross? What proof is there that the holy law of

God has been honored, our transgressions finished, and that our souls are safe forevermore? How do we know that those for whom the Son of Man died are reconciled to God and freely justified by His blood? What guarantee do we have that the work of redemption is finished and that every sinner who believes Christ is freed from all fear of condemnation? As we face the reality of physical death, what hope does our Lord give to encourage us that these bodies will someday put off mortality and corruption and put on immortality and incorruption (1 Corinthians 15:53)? The resurrection of our Savior is the answer to all these questions. *“Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification”* (Romans 4:25). No wonder, then, that this truth is set forth so frequently in the Word of God and verified by many witnesses. Paul said that the risen Christ was seen by over five hundred people at one time (1 Corinthians 15:6). His resurrection confirmed the claims of Jesus of Nazareth that He was the Son of God (Romans 1:4) and tells us that His blood poured out has cleansed us from all sin (Revelation 1:5-6). It announces that the Surety has paid our sin debt in full and insures that we will be regenerated by the same almighty power that raised Him up from the dead (Ephesians 1:18-20). His resurrection is proof that though death shall someday bring our earthly tabernacles to the dust, yet these same bodies shall someday be raised and fashioned like unto His glorious body (Philippians 3:20-21). We echo the words of Job and say with confidence, *“For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me”* (Job 19:25-27).

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“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:16)!

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FORGETFULNESS OF CHRIST

“This do in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 11:24). It is a sad fact that those of us who love the Savior have lapses in our memories and forget the very One in whom we were given grace before the world began. The Savior’s loving exhortation of remembrance is indeed needful; would you not agree? Our own hearts are convicted as we acknowledge that hours can go by and we hardly give a thought to the blessed Savior. If we did not know our own depravity, we would think it to be impossible that we could ever forget Christ. Forget Him who has never forgotten us? Forget Him who loved us with an everlasting love? Forget the bleeding, dying Lamb who suffered in our room, stead and place? Forget that glorious One who endured the indescribable wrath of a holy God in order that we would enjoy the indescribable joys of heavenly bliss? Forget Him who took our sins and sorrows and made them His very own? Forget Him who paid the price of our redemption with His own precious blood? Were it not for the fact that we know the sad truth of our continued sinfulness, we would consider it unthinkable that we could ever forget Christ. Sadly, however, forgetfulness of Him is not only possible, but it happens so frequently that our own consciences are smitten because of such criminal acts. Earthly concerns hold our attention, family responsibilities occupy our time, fiscal worries seize our thoughts, physical wellbeing bears upon our minds and before long we find that we have been forgetful of Christ, our Covenant Surety, loving Savior and successful Redeemer. May the Lord graciously seal a constant reminder upon our hearts to remember our dear Savior. And, though we will undoubtedly be guilty again and again of this awful forgetfulness, thankfully, He will not forget us. Hear the words of our Redeemer. *“Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me”* (Isaiah 49:15-16).

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