

May 26, 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'S SOVEREIGN REIGN

Tune: "O For A Thousand Tongues" (CM)
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Let every heart and voice unite
To sing our Maker's praise;
Extol the glories of our God,
And loud His anthems raise.

He works His perfect, holy will
Throughout His vast domain;
For time and all eternity,
God sovereignly shall reign.

All men and angels, demons too,
Accomplish His design;
All of creation works His will
And makes His glories shine.

Bow humbly at the sovereign throne,
Of Him who is our King;
Come praise the Lord with heart and voice,
And of His greatness sing.

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"In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God" (Psalm 62:7).

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While always in contact with sin, Christ continued sinless; the infection never spread to Him. —George Smeaton

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

May 26 Clay Robbins
Neil Parker
Darlene Arthur
28 Larry Smith
29 Jim Smallwood
30 Dorothy Terry

May 30 Taylor Robinette
Sara Grace Kuehne
Ella Rose Kuehne
31 Ron Kuehne
June 1 Connie McSweeney

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We will not have Bible School this year, but our church picnic will be Friday, June 21st at Armco Park, shelter #9. We will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. and continue throughout the evening for those who cannot get there until later. Plan now to attend.

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"WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS?"

(Matthew 8:27).

ALL religious reformers and messiahs come to live; Christ came to die.
ALL others leave monuments and memorials: no one can find His birthplace, grave, nor one possession.
ALL others write diaries and memoirs; He wrote on the sand.
ALL others choose their followers from the rich, powerful, and influential; He chose the poor and needy.
ALL others praise human righteousness; He condemned it.
ALL others seek those who can help them; He sought those whom He could help.
ALL others promise success and happiness to their followers; He promised tribulation and suffering.
ALL others held their disciples with fear and force; He invited His to leave Him if they would.
ALL others have palaces, mansions, and headquarters; He had no place to lay His head.
ALL others reward the most talented with recognition, titles, and honor; He said, "The least should be the greatest."
ALL others say, "Follow me; I will show you the way;" He said, "Come unto me, I AM THE WAY."
ALL others claim to be the messengers of God; He said, "HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN GOD."
ALL others stay dead; He arose; and all of His claims, works, and promises are true because God raised Him from the dead. —Henry Mahan

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THE GREEN TREE

"For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" (Luke 23:31). These words were uttered by our Savior to those who wept for Him as He made His way toward the place of crucifixion. Christ is the green tree, full of the sap of righteousness and life, delightful and well-pleasing to the Father. The agonies which awaited Him were brought about because the sins of His people were imputed to Him. The perfect Lamb of God had taken responsibility for the redemption of those given to Him by the Father in the everlasting covenant of grace. These would fall into sin, along with the rest of Adam's race and as we know, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). The time had now arrived when He would retire our indebtedness by enduring divine wrath in our stead. Though He was the sinless Savior, yet when He bore our transgressions, He was not spared the sword of judgment and He "died for our sins according to the Scriptures." We are assured that when Christ offered Himself as the sacrifice for our offenses, the Father found His offering to be "a sweet smelling savour" (Ephesians 5:2). The chosen people of God were redeemed by the blood of the Lamb (1 Peter 1:18-19). The vengeance of God which fell upon the Shepherd who died as the Substitute for His sheep, will never fall upon those in whose place He died.

Now, if these indescribable agonies happened "in a green tree," that is, if the Father dealt so severely with Him Who had no inward guilt nor sins of His own, what will happen to those who leave this world laden with guilt and sin reigns within them? They are as dry trees, fit only to be cast away to forevermore endure the fiery indignation of God. In the destruction of the wicked we see the just consequence of having no Substitute, no Sin-Offering and no Mediator. What unspeakable horror awaits those who die clinging to their self-righteous rags and thereby despising the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ. The cross-death of the Son of God stands as solemn proof that the God of the Bible must and will punish sin. —Pastor Jim Byrd

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"I HAVE FOUND A RANSOM" (Job 33:24).

"Then He is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him (let the sinner be rescued) from going down to the pit (of everlasting destruction): I have found (devised and secured) a ransom (propitiation, satisfaction)." The ransom the Father found was none other than His only begotten Son. He found our Surety before the world was made and appointed Him not only to be the Redeemer of His elect people, but the price of redemption as well. Behold Him sent forth by the Father in marvelous grace and given as the ransom for the deliverance of chosen sinners from the claims of the law in His sufferings, agonies, death and resurrection. Who else except an infinitely wise God could have ever found so glorious, so precious and so worthy a ransom as this. Christ was the Priest Who offered the Sacrifice, and He was the Sacrifice Who was offered. In the ransom of sinners, Christ is all. —Pastor Jim Byrd