

June 30, 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.

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UNTO THE SAVIOR I WILL FLEE

Tune: “Complete in Thee” LM/double Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

No work of mine could save my soul,
Or make my sinful spirit whole;
To Thee O Christ I lift my cry,
Lord save this sinner or I die.
Who but the Lord could mercy show,
And pay for me the debt I owe?
This is my only hope and plea:
Christ died for me on Calvary.

O Spirit quicken now my heart,
And life divine to me impart;
‘Tis by Thy call to Christ I look,
Who all my sins and sorrows took.
To me the Spirit has made known,
That none can save but Christ alone;
His blood was shed for His own race,
He saves them by His sovereign grace.

Yes, to the Savior I will flee,
To save me for eternity;
Now with my soul I know ‘tis well,
And soon I shall with Jesus dwell.
The glory Lord belongs to Thee,
Thy name I’ll praise eternally;
By Christ I’m saved and justified,
And soon I shall be glorified.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*July 3 Susannah Imes
5 Jackson Elliott*

*July 6 Jack Kuehne
7 Ivy Rose Kuehne*

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At the close of the service this morning, the children of God will be privileged to eat the bread and drink the wine of the Lord's Supper. This is a memorial ordinance, established by our Savior, by which we remember His death until He comes again. After the worship service, we will enjoy food and fellowship together around the tables in the back. I hope you will all stay for the meal, whether you brought food or not. It is always good to visit with our brethren and sisters in the Lord. There will be no service tonight.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Bill Fliehman, Judy Profitt and Alyce Davidson. Their brother, George Fliehman, passed away Monday, June 24th.

Mark these dates on your calendar. Sunday, July 21st, Jean-Claude and Wendy Souillot from France will be with us. Sunday, August 11th, Lance and Robin Hellar, missionaries to Papua, New Guinea, will visit our church.

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CHRIST SETS THE CAPTIVES FREE

A wealthy and generous man visits a prison and approaches the dungeon in which a captive lies bound with chains and fetters, and secured within walls, doors and bars. He proclaims loud to the captive that he has brought gold sufficient for a ransom if only the captive will liberate himself from his chains, open the locked prison doors and come forth. "Alas," exclaims the wretched man, "your kindness does not reach my case. Unless your gold can secure my deliverance, it can be of no service to me. The offer of it on such terms can do me no good."

Although there is a great difference between physical and spiritual inability, yet one serves to illustrate the other. Man by nature is as spiritually unable to believe in Christ as the prisoner is physically unable to break his chains and open the prison doors. All of this talk of the sufficiency of the atonement to save if the sinner will only cooperate is only an empty offer of salvation on certain terms and conditions. Such an atonement is much too weak to meet the desperate case of a lost sinner.

But, how different is the salvation of God! "*By the blood of Thy covenant, I have sent forth Thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water*" (Zechariah 9:11). Jesus, by His death, hath paid the ransom and made the captives His own. Therefore, He has a legal right to their persons and with His own power He brings them forth. It is glorifying to His grace to bring out the prisoners from the prison and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. "*I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house*" (Isaiah 42:6-7).

—William Rushton (edited)

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DEFINING GRACE

All of the saints of God delight to dwell upon this magnificent and glorious subject - the grace of the Lord to the undeserving. Surely none can fully or even adequately proclaim the glories of the God of grace or the wonders of the grace of God, but here are a few words with which I endeavor to display His marvelous grace.

Grace is the Bread of life creating spiritual hunger and then feeding those made hungry for the Savior: "*I am the Bread of life.*" Grace is the Water of Life that creates a thirst and then relieves it and Christ says, "*come unto me and drink.*" This grace makes us realize our nakedness and then clothes us with the garment of the Lord our Righteousness. Grace is the precious, sin-atonement blood of Christ that washes the foulest and makes us clean. Grace is the Rest of God given to those who are weary of sin; it is the truth of God that comes to those who by nature readily receive spiritual error. It is the Light of God that illuminates those who sit in darkness. Grace is the Justifier clearing the guilty of all charges and rescuing them from going down to the pit because He found a ransom. Grace is the Sinless dying in the stead of the

sinful; it is the liberty of God delivering the captives and setting them free. Grace is divine mercy given to the wretched; it is the life of God that comes to those who are dead in sin. Grace is manifested in a remnant of Adam's fallen race being chosen to salvation, redeemed from offended justice by the bloody death of Christ, justified by His righteousness and these are effectually brought by the invincible grace of the Holy Spirit to repentance toward God and faith in Christ. Grace is God giving to poor, vile, rebellious and loathsome sinners the unspeakable gift of His Son who lived, died and ever lives as the Savior and Advocate of His people. Grace is the lifting of beggars from the dunghill and making them to sit among the princes of the people of God. What is grace? It is the Lord adopting us into His family, the Father calling us sons and making us to be *"heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."* "O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be; let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee."

--Pastor Jim Byrd

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"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:30-31).