

**August 18, 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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WHY SHOULD THE RIGHTEOUS FEAR?

Tune: "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD" SM/double Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Why should the righteous fear,  
His providence is wise;  
The Lord who loves us without end,  
Reigns over earth and skies.

May we not fearful be,  
But in our Savior rest;  
For in the Lord our Righteousness,  
We are forever blessed.

All pow'r belongs to Him,  
He rules with sovereign might;  
He guards us in the light of day,  
And through the darkest night.

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"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world  
giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let  
it be afraid" (John 14:27).

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## THE PRECIOUSNESS OF CHRIST

"Unto you therefore which believe He is precious" (1 Peter 2:7). Every believer appreciates Christ Himself, -- His very person: "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious." Some think the ordinances to be very precious; so they are, but only for His sake. Others reckon the doctrines to be very precious, and always thrust doctrine into the forefront. We will not deny that every doctrine is precious, but it owes its value to the fact that Christ is in it. Dry doctrine is nothing better than a sepulcher for a dead Christ to be buried in; but the doctrine preached in relation to His person becomes a throne on which He is exalted. It is a great pity when any of you Christians forget that you have a Savior who is alive and overlook the personality of Christ. Remember that He is a real man, and as a real man on Calvary He died for you, and as a real man He is gone into heaven. He is no imaginary personage, but an actual personage; and the very marrow of Christian experience lies in the realization of the personality of the Savior: "Unto you which believe He is precious." If you make doctrine the main thing, you are very likely to grow narrow-minded; if you make your own experience the main thing, you will become gloomy and censorious of others; if you make ordinances the main thing, you will be apt to grow merely formal; but you can never make too much of the living Christ Jesus. Remember that all things else are for His sake. Doctrines and ordinances are the planets, but Christ is the Sun; the stars of doctrine revolve around Him as their great primal light. Get to love HIM best of all. Yea, I know you do if you are truly believing in Him. You love the doctrines, and would not like to give one of them up; but, still, the incarnate God is the sum and substance of your confidence; Christ Jesus Himself is precious to you.

--C. H. Spurgeon

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## THE AWFULNESS OF SIN

How could we ever know what a terrible thing sin is? It is treason, rebellion and disobedience against God, but those words do not adequately set forth what a horrible and deplorable thing it is. Judge the awfulness of sin by the punishment required to remove it. We know that a just God would never require an unfair payment for sin. His justice would demand no more, nor could it settle for less than the price required to remove it. Works of righteousness could not take sin away; baptism could not purge it from us. Behold the Christ of the cross! See Him fastened to the cursed tree, the Lord's Anointed, the holy, spotless, eternal Lamb of God. Why does He hang there? Why does He suffer so? Why does He endure indescribable agony inflicted by men and God? Why does He cry out, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Why does He die? It is because He bore the sins of His own people on the cross and since a holy God demands satisfaction for crimes against Him, Christ must suffer, bleed and die as the Substitute for sinners. "God spared not His Own Son but delivered Him up for us all" (Romans 8:32). Learn then that the awfulness of sin can only be properly determined by the payment required to remove it. "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3). If my sins were to be taken away and if God is to receive me upon the basis of justice satisfied, the Lord of glory must come into this world, live perfectly in my stead and then endure the unmitigated wrath of God as my Substitute. Let me weep over my sin that caused His grief and rejoice in Him who bore it for me and whose death removed it from me "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12).

--Pastor Jim Byrd

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## WITHOUT SIN

"We have not an high-priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are; yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). "Without sin!" O, cries the sanctified soul, that this was my happy state. And verily, as sure as the Word of God is true, you will enjoy this perfect freedom from your worst enemy, but you must be content to wait God's time and live in God's way; that is, by faith upon your best friend Jesus. Your present blessedness is to understand and rejoice in this great mystery that Christ "who knew no sin was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Co 5:21). Therefore, by faith we glory, knowing that God looks on us, blesses us as righteous in Christ, and does not impute sin unto us. As the Head is without sin, so are all the members, viewed and beloved in the sight of God. And this is the evidence that we are born of the Spirit and have the mind of Christ, that we hate all sin and long for entire deliverance from it, and aspire after full conformity to the image of God. But this we cannot enjoy in the body. We must first sleep in Jesus ere we awake up after his perfect likeness.

--William Mason