

August 25, 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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WE MEET TO WORSHIP

Tune: "This Is My Father's World" - SM/Double

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Lord now Thy people meet,
To praise and worship Thee;
We bow ourselves before Thy feet,
And homage raise to Thee.

For Thou art God alone,
Eternal, Lord of all;
With contrite hearts before Thy throne,
Upon Thy name we call.

Though far from Thee we strayed,
"Show mercy," is our cry;
Without Thy sovereign grace and aid,
We must forever die.

O grant that we would live,
To praise and honor Thee;
All laud and glory we will give,
Now and eternally.

Exalt Thy Son O Lord,
Who hung upon the tree;
For by His death we were restored,
And justified by Thee.

Christ is our Righteousness,
His death upon the cross;
Has saved us from our sinfulness,
From endless pain and loss.

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"I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall be continually in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1).

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THE GIFT OF GIFTS

"For God so loved the world, (which He was, in Christ, reconciling to Himself) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is He that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:32-34). "In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10). Paul's soul being directed into this love of the Father, as it shines forth in the gift of His Son, joyfully exclaimed, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). Its greatness is such that no tongue can describe it nor thought conceive it.

The Father, speaking of this Gift, says, I will "give Thee for a covenant of the people" (Isaiah 42:6); and when the Father gave Christ in covenant, He did not give Him at random, but gave Him to be the Surety of His chosen people. For this people the Lord Jesus Christ gave His bond, the blood of the everlasting covenant. So He would open the way through which the love and mercy of the Father's heart could flow to guilty sinners such as we, in a way consistent with all His divine attributes, that He might be a just God and yet save His people in Christ. -John Kershaw, October, 1834

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THE GREAT GOAL OF SALVATION

You need not listen long to most preachers today to discover that their twofold objective seems to be self-exaltation and then the welfare and happiness of those to whom they preach. The vast majority of preachers and their congregations, however, fail to realize that the divine purpose in having the gospel proclaimed is the glory of God, the manifestation of His marvelous attributes and the preeminence of the Lord Jesus Christ whose successful, bloody sacrifice enabled God to be just and Justifier of all who believe on Jesus (Romans 3:26).
--Pastor Jim Byrd

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APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE

1. I do not hold the apostolic office. That office ceased to exist with the death of the apostle John. Those who claim apostolic succession are deceivers.
2. I do not speak with apostolic inspiration. When I speak or write, I sometimes make mistakes. I am confident my message comes from God, but the vehicles I use to express the gospel are the imperfect words of a sinful man. I do not receive from the Lord any personal communication, but I do have His written Word, which is all I need. Anyone who says, "God just told me to tell you," is a false prophet. All God has to say, He says in His written Word through the Incarnate Word.
3. I do not perform apostolic works. I cannot raise the dead, I cannot heal the sick and I cannot preach the gospel in another language without prior study of that language.
4. I do, however, preach apostolic doctrine. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42). What is apostolic doctrine? Salvation by the free grace of God to sinners through the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-10). It is the declaration of the electing grace of God (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14) and the obtaining of redemption by the substitutionary death and resurrection of Christ (Hebrews 9:12). They proclaimed the success of His sacrifice to put away the sins of all the people of God and establish for them a justifying righteousness (1 John 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21). Those faithful men firmly held to the security of the sheep of Christ because their redemption and salvation has been accomplished by their Substitute and Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ (John 10:11; 27-29).
-Pastor Jim Byrd

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SIX THINGS BELIEVERS WILL DO

1. Believers so trust Christ as to renounce every other ground of confidence (Philippians 3:8).
2. Believers glory only in the righteousness of Christ and count their own to be filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6).
3. Believers rejoice in the cross of substitution, glorying in nothing else (Galatians 6:14).
4. Believers love the Lord Jesus supremely and will so order their lives as to avoid commitments and associations which hinder fellowship with Him (Luke 14:26-27).
5. Believers will continue in the faith, for true believers never quit (1 John 2:19).
6. Believers obey the Lord's commandments, not in order to gain His favor but because they love Him and dwell in His favor (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

-Henry Mahan