

**SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Elder Ron Trabant

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**CHRIST IS ALL WE NEED**

Tune: "JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL" 7.7.7.7. Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Saving grace, how sweet the sound,  
Where shall praise enough be found;  
Praise to tell what God has done,  
Praise to speak of Christ the Son?

Chosen in God's sovereign grace,  
Members of a royal race;  
What a wondrous, gracious plan,  
Made before the world began.

Lo, in time, Christ Jesus came,  
O how sweet His Holy Name;  
He the woman's promised Seed,  
Came to meet our ev'ry need.

Christ in truth and faithfulness,  
Brought in perfect righteousness,  
When He died upon the cross,  
Saving us from endless loss.

Christ has died, we are forgiv'n,  
In Him we are fit for heav'n;  
He is all our purity,  
He alone is all our plea,  
Praise the Lord who reigns on high,  
All our hopes on Him rely;  
He the Father satisfied,  
By His blood we're justified.

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Congratulations to Cheryl Abshire and Morris (Mo) Wells who were married August 23rd here at the church. May God be pleased to give them many years to serve His purpose and enjoy each other and their families.

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When I say that God is sovereign, here is what I mean. The Lord reigns; the God of the Bible does as He pleases, when He pleases, with whom He pleases and in whatever manner He pleases. "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure...I have purposed it, I will also do it" (Isaiah 46:10, 11). His sovereignty is His absolute, independent right to govern all of His creation, whether in providence or grace, according to the good pleasure of His will.

-Pastor Jim Byrd

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Let me encourage all of us to use every means God gives to spread the good news that Christ came into the world to save sinners by His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection. Let us not be discouraged when we meet with unbelief, mockery or ridicule. Remember, it is the responsibility of the Lord's laborers to faithfully and patiently discharge our duty to spread the gospel, but the results belong exclusively to our sovereign God. We sow the seed; it is up to the Lord to give an increase. We must be mindful that we are dealing with those who are as we once were, dead in trespasses and sins, ignorant of the truths of God. We tell folks about Christ, His successful work of redemption and compel them to believe the Savior, but only the Holy Spirit can reveal truth to the heart. We would do well to always remember the instructive words of John the Baptist. "A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

--Pastor Jim Byrd

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"Shew Thy marvellous lovingkindness, O Thou that savest by Thy right hand them which put their trust in Thee from those that rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of Thy wings" (Psalm 17:7-8)

## THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFLICT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

My desire being to comfort the disconsolate, I shall lay before you a few scripture truths, which the God of love has intended for the consolation of His dear children in the field of battle.

1st, He who made you has fixed His love upon you freely in His Son. He loves you unchangeably, in all states and conditions, from eternity to eternity. Whatever changes, internal or external, you may pass through, the love of your God is the same. You may suffer the loss of wealth, health, ease, reputation, friends, and, like Job, be stripped of all your earthly comfort; but you cannot be deprived of your heavenly Father's affection. He rests in His love and joys over you with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). Love runs through all His purposes concerning you and all His dispensations toward you.

2nd, He has chosen you in Christ Jesus to be His people for ever and adopted you to be His children and heirs. He has given Himself to you to be your God and Father, your portion and inheritance forever.

3rd, He has united you to His Son Jesus Christ and fixed you in Him never to be separated from Him. Jesus and you are one. One body, one building, one vine. Your union with Christ commenced with your election in Him. Free sovereign grace was the cause of both. God's eternal and immutable love is the bond of your union with Jesus, therefore it can never be dissolved. That God who chose you in Him, keeps you in Him. Being in Christ, all that He is and all that He has is yours. His abundant grace, His perfect righteousness, His complete atonement, His consummate holiness, His eternal redemption, His perfect and all glorious salvation, His unsearchable riches of glory and blessedness, are all your own. Christ and you being one, you stand in Him complete before the throne of God. You are washed from all your sins in His blood; you are justified from all things by His righteousness. Yea, in Him you are law-fulfillers and you are made "the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). The Father views you with infinite delight. He sees no spot in you. There is no curse, no condemnation for you. You are saved with an everlasting salvation and shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

4th, God has made with you an everlasting covenant; not a covenant of works, but of grace; not a conditional, but an absolute one; not one all confusion and disorder, but one ordered in all things by His all-comprehending wisdom. Not one which may vary, be disannulled and made void, but one which, like its divine author, is immutable, permanent, and everlasting. It is founded upon Jehovah's unchangeable will, and confirmed by His inviolable oath. It is sealed by the blood of His Incarnate Son; and for its fulfillment the eternal Three, have, by Their joint oath, pledged Themselves.

5th, God has given you exceeding great and precious promises, suited to all your cases. The fulfillment of these promises is certain, because the promise is faithful and almighty. These promises are breasts of consolation to the distressed, milk for babes and meat for strong men; you may safely trust them, and in trusting them, you will sweetly enjoy them.

-Job Hupton (1762-1829)