

SEPTEMBER 22, 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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Next Lord's Day we will partake of the Lord's Supper at the close of our morning worship service and then have lunch in the fellowship hall. Sign-up sheets for food are on the front table. There will be no evening service next Sunday.

Bible conference dates: Nov 8-10 with pastors Tim James, Gary Shepard and Norm Wells.

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PRAISE THE CHRIST OF THE CROSS

Tune: "Near the Cross" 7.6.7.6. with Refrain

Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

I was hopeless, dead in sin, fallen from God's favor;
With no righteousness to claim, lost without a Savior.

REFRAIN: Praise the Christ of the cross, I am His forever;
He has saved me by His blood, from Him none can sever.

"It is finished," words of grace, hear the Savior crying;
When He hung upon the cross, Christ for sinners dying. REFRAIN:

When the time of love arrived, God sent forth His power;
I now trust in Christ alone, since that quick'ning hour. REFRAIN:

What a Savior is the Lord, all my needs supplying;
Jesus is my all in all, on Him I'm relying. REFRAIN:

Praise the Lord our Righteousness, precious Lord and Savior;
He has saved my soul from sin, brought me to God's favor. REFRAIN:

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"Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one" (Job 14:4).

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THE NON-IMPUTATION OF INIQUITY

"Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity and in whose spirit there is no guile" (Psalm 32:2). His thoughts [toward them] are thoughts of peace and not of evil; their sins and iniquities He remembers no more; He does not charge them with them, He does not reckon them, or place them to their account, having imputed them to His Son. "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them" (2 Co 5:19). The Apostle Paul interprets this as inclusive of the imputation of righteousness without works; even of the righteousness of Christ, in which the blessedness of a man lies (Romans 4:6-8) for such an one is accepted with God, is justified in His sight, and is secure from condemnation and wrath. It is well with him at all times, in life, at death, and at judgment; he is an heir of eternal life, will enter into it and be forever glorified. --John Gill

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God has given us a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the gospel by means of Sermon Audio. I receive cards, letters and emails from individuals who are blessed by the messages that go forth. Here is an email I received a couple of days ago. This was a great encouragement to me and I know it will be to you also. I have preserved his privacy by withholding his name and exact location.

Dear Brother in the Lord, It's a long time since I last wrote to you and I feel I really ought to make contact again. It is with deep gratitude to God and to you for your messages on sermonaudio.com that I write. So often I have listened to your voice, communicating the precious Gospel, revealing the beauties of our Lord Jesus Christ, provoking my heart to worship and wonder at the sovereign grace that "brought me to the fold."

Thank you, dear brother, for your faithfulness.

I will not multiply words. Suffice to say that here, in a place where no local church proclaims the true Gospel, your anointed messages are a profound blessing to my soul; and God is glorified.

From this place in _____, England, this old man (I'm 82 years old) sends brotherly love to you and the "little flock" where you minister. In Him, _____

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OUR HOPE IS IN THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

We give thanks to God for that "time of love" (Ezekiel 16:8) when He sent forth the gospel in sovereign, effectual power, imparting life and light within us and granting repentance toward God and faith in Christ, the only Savior of sinners. Our Master declared, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). Remember, however, as necessary as regeneration is, God does not justify, remove sin, nor receive us upon the footing of that which He does within us, but upon the basis of what He's done for us by Christ and His work of redemption. The new birth could never satisfy divine justice, wash away sins, make us righteous or produce God's demand for righteousness. "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). Clearly, righteousness was only imputed by Christ dying in our stead. Our perfect standing before God was never conditioned upon what He would do in us, but upon what He would do for us by Christ Jesus, our eternal Surety and covenant Head. The Lord justified us in old eternity through that redemption that our Substitute would accomplish by His substitutionary death and resurrection; as a result, the Holy Spirit comes to the Lord's people and gives them new life in Christ. Regeneration flows out of redemption; it is a glorious result of the work of Christ. Had He not laid down His life for His people, the Holy Spirit would not have come; for there would be no Savior to reveal, nor salvation to make known. Our hope of glory is not built upon what God has done in us, though we express hearty thanksgiving for His quickening work and for implanting within us a love for His Word and confidence in His Son. Our certainty of salvation is in our Savior and His finished work of reconciliation whereby He put away the sins of His people and brought in for us everlasting righteousness. The very foundation, the reason God accepted, justified and pardoned us from all our sins is the glorious Person and obedience unto death of our glorious Savior.

-Pastor Jim Byrd

"My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand
all other ground is sinking sand."