

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

TODAY: Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD

No Evening Service

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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service --7:00 p.m.

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We gather this morning to worship our gracious God. At the close of our service we will partake of the Lord's Supper and then enjoy a time of fellowship with each other as we have lunch in the back. There will be no service tonight.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Richard Williams and family; his sister, Sharon Williams Grizzle, passed away last week

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SING PRAISES TO GOD

To: "O Worship the King" 10.10.11.11. Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Sing praises to God His greatness proclaim,
O worship, adore, and honor His Name;
Our Lord reigns in greatness, His might is untold,
His throne is eternal established of old.

Jehovah our God Thy praises we sing,
We gather this day our homage to bring;
Creator, Provider and Lord over all,
We bow in our hearts and before Thee we fall.

Creation shows forth a power divine,
Throughout Thy domain Thy glories shall shine;
Thy providence leads all things unto their end,
Upon Thee all creatures shall ever depend.

But praises increase for Jesus Thy Son,
Who died on the cross our sins to atone;
Christ finished the work He was given to do,
By Him we are pardoned and justified too.

Ye children of God, come worship and praise,
The God of all grace, the Ancient of Days;
May praises to God now arise from this place,
As we bless the Lord for His goodness and grace.

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"Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding" (Psalm 47:6-7).

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The doctrine of the substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus Christ is the core and life of Christianity. Without the bloody sacrifice of our Savior, there would be no gospel and no salvation to proclaim. "Without the shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22). Leave out the cross of our Savior and you have killed the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let others preach Christ as an Example, Christ as meek and lowly, and preach His second coming. Though Christ is our perfect Example, a Man of perfect character and He is certainly coming again in power and great glory, yet the purpose for His incarnation was to save His people by His death. It was the sacrifice of Himself that satisfied divine justice which demanded death for sin, put away the iniquities of His people and brought in everlasting righteousness. Let us never be ashamed or negligent to focus our attention in our worship services and in our personal devotional time to the sufferings and death of Christ. Though a few people may grow weary of hearing of substitution and satisfaction, these glorious truths will be the perpetual themes of the saints in heaven. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" (Revelation 5:12). Let each of us have the same resolve as the apostle Paul, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14). As we eat the bread and drink the wine of communion, let us remember with thanksgiving and delight, our precious Savior, Who was wounded, bruised, crucified, buried and risen again to save us from our sins.

- Pastor Jim Byrd

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THE MEANING OF THE WINE

Christ gave up His life so that we might live. He stood in our room and place in the day of Jehovah's wrath, receiving into His heart the fiery sword which was unsheathed for our destruction. The pouring out of His blood has made our peace with God. Jehovah made the soul of His only-begotten an offering for sin so that the guilty might be cleared: that is what the wine in the cup means; it means the death of Jesus in our place. It means the blood poured out from the heart of the incarnate God, so that we might have fellowship with God; the sin which separated us from God was expiated by His death.

- C. H. Spurgeon

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God created this world in which we find ourselves; He owns it, and He is running it according to His own sovereign good pleasure. God has lost none of His power and it is highly dishonoring to Him to suppose that He is struggling along with the human race, doing the best He can to persuade men to do right, but unable to accomplish His eternal, unchangeable, holy, wise, and sovereign purpose. Any system which teaches that the intentions of God can in some cases be defeated, and that man, who is not only a creature but a sinful creature, can exercise veto power over the plans of Almighty God, is in striking contrast to the biblical idea of His immeasurable exaltation by which He is removed from all weaknesses of humanity. That the plans of men are not always executed is due to a lack of power, or a lack of wisdom, or both. But since God is unlimited in these and in all other resources, no unforeseen emergencies can arise. To Him the causes for change have no existence. To assume that His plan fails and that He strives to no effect is to reduce Him to the level of His creatures and make Him no God at all. -copied

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OUR COVENANT GOD MANAGES ALL THINGS

"Happy is that people, whose God is the LORD" (Psalm 144:15). They are His covenant people, chosen unto salvation, redeemed from all iniquity, made righteous in Christ and they are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." These people are immensely blessed from old eternity with "all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3-4). They are enriched with the inexhaustible "riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7). They have the assurance that "all things work together for good" (Romans 8:28). God is their Father, Christ is their Brother and the Holy Spirit is their Comforter. They may rest secure in exercising faith upon God, come what may. They have good reason for prayer for their God is a prayer-hearing God and will be sought after by His people as to all their spiritual and physical concerns. These people whose God is the Lord of lords and the King of kings have solid ground for the greatest encouragement and comfort in the middle of all the events of providence for they may be confident that all things are ordained, governed, directed and managed by their covenant Savior and gracious Friend, who will never neglect or overlook His dear people. "For He has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). When life comes to a close, all of these people have the divine promise that their Savior will take them unto Himself for He has said, "that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3). --Pastor Jim Byrd