

**OCTOBER 6, 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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"The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice! Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof! Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne" (Psalm 97:1-2).

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**ALL GLORY TO CHRIST**

Tune: "There is a Fountain" CM/double Words by pastor Jim Byrd

Let all who trust the Savior's Name,  
Sing praises to the Lord;  
O may His Name be ever blessed,  
By all the church adored.

O what a wondrous stoop for Him  
To come to earth and die;  
Yet for our sins the Savior came,  
God's law to satisfy.

Upon Him all our guilt and shame,  
Was made to meet that day;  
And by His sacrificial death,  
Ours sins were washed away.

Behold He ever lives above,  
For us to intercede;  
He is the way, the truth, the life,  
For all His chosen seed.

Soon He shall come with trumpet sound,  
And all the world shall see;  
That Jesus is the Lord of lords,  
And praise His majesty.

So sing the praises of His Name,  
His glories now confess;  
He is our Savior, God and King,  
The Lord our Righteousness.

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There will be a sovereign grace conference, October 12-13, at the Gospel of Grace Ministries in Hamilton, Ohio, Scott Price is pastor. The speakers will be Scott Price, James Guyo, Bill Parker and Gary Shepard. Saturday: 2:00, 3:00, 5:30, 6:30. Sunday, 11:00, 12:00. Contact brother Price for more details: GospelDefense@gmail.com

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### **"LOVE NOT THE WORLD."**

1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." A child of God is certainly thankful for what God entrusts to them of the things of this world, but must realize that nothing is to be loved or cherished above Christ and eternal issues. Appreciate and enjoy what God brings into your life, but do not set your affection upon objects that are perishing. Christ must be the Love of our hearts and the Treasure of our souls. Horatius Bonar gave twenty reasons why believers are not to love the world.

1. Because the gain of it is the loss of the soul, Matthew 16:25.
2. Because its friendship is enmity to God, James 4:4.
3. Because it did not know Christ, John 1:10; 17:25
4. Because it hates Christ, John 7:7; 15:18.
5. Because the Holy Spirit has forbidden it, 1 John 2:15.
6. Because Christ did not pray for it, John 17:9.
7. Because Christ's people do not belong to it, John 17:16.
8. Because it will not receive the Spirit, John 14:27.
9. Because its prince is Satan, John 13:31;16:11.
10. Because Christ's kingdom is not of it, John 18:36.
11. Because its wisdom is foolishness, 1 Corinthians 1:20.
12. Because its wisdom is ignorance, 1 Corinthians 1:21.

13. Because Christ does not belong to it, John 8:23.
14. Because it is condemned, 1 Corinthians 11:32.
15. Because the fashion of it passeth away, 1 Corinthians 7:31.
16. Because it slew Christ, James 5:6; Matthew 21:39.
17. Because it is crucified to us, Galatians 6:14.
18. Because we are crucified to it, Galatians 6:14.
19. Because it is the seat of wickedness, 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 5:19.
20. Because its god is the evil one, 2 Corinthians 4:4.

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### **"IN THE STEAD OF"**

Genesis 22:13

God gave Abraham a command to offer his son as a burnt offering (Genesis 22:2). When all things were ready, Abraham "stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son" (verse 10). Abraham, however, was then commanded not to harm his son; the Lord had provided and positioned in a very prominent site a substitute to die in Isaac's place. Abraham, therefore, offered a ram "for a burnt offering in the stead of his son" (verse 13). Now I ask you, what kind of justice would have required Abraham, after he killed the ram, to stretch forth his hand again and kill Isaac anyway? That would not have been justice; that would have been a miscarriage of justice.

The Son of God came into this world; "He loved the church and gave Himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). As the ram died in the stead of Isaac, so the Savior died in the stead of His chosen people. The Lord had "found a ransom" (Job 33:24), suitable and acceptable to His holy standards; His Son would die "in the stead" of His chosen people. Divine law demanded death for our sins and a worthy Substitute rendered to justice that which it required: He laid down His life for His sheep. It was the death of the Lord Jesus that enabled God to be "a just God and a Savior" (Isaiah 45:21). If Christ has paid my debt of sin, then no debt remains; if He has borne the fulness of divine wrath for me, no wrath is leftover. It is true that I am a sinner, but I am a sinner in whose stead the Son of God put away my sins when He died and I am assured of this because He has brought me to cast my poor soul and all of its concerns upon the dear Savior. He is all my hope, salvation, righteousness and life. I have no confidence in myself, my

feelings, experience, knowledge, or faith. God hung His Son in a prominent place, upon the cross of Calvary and there He satisfied the demands of the law "in the stead of" all for whom He died. Now, I ask you, what kind of justice would exact from Christ the full payment of the indebtedness of sins and then some of those in whose stead He died be punished anyway. "Twice payment God cannot demand, first at my bleeding Surety's hand, and then again at mine." In reality, the heresy of universal redemption sets forth the punishment of sinners as being a miscarriage of divine justice for it says that many for whom He died must bear divine punishment because they will not believe. Universal redemption, therefore, makes salvation dependent upon the faith of the sinner and makes God the Author of a miscarriage of injustice. What horrible lies! My friends, the sacrifice of Christ was offered to a holy God to appease His wrath and the Father's justice was completely satisfied with this Sin-Offering as evidenced by the resurrection and exaltation of our Substitute. The Savior's bloody death is of such power, that it draws all for whom He died to believe Him.

--Pastor Jim Byrd