OCTOBER 13, 2019

TODAY: Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m. Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD INTERNET: SermonAudio.com Visit our website at: http://www.13thstDaptist.org (webcasting live during listed service times) WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service --7:00 p.m. Message by PASTOR BILL PARKER

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"For the LORD is our Judge, the LORD is our Lawgiver, and the LORD is our King; He will save us" (Isaiah 33:22).

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THE LORD OUR SAVIOR REIGNS Tune: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

The Lord our Savior reigns, let heav'n and earth rejoice; Let every child of God now sing with grateful voice. Christ Jesus reigns! O'er all the earth our wondrous Savior ever reigns.

Exalted to His throne, at God the Father's side; Christ gave His life and for our sins the Savior died. Come praise the Lord! Extol the One who bought us with His precious blood.

The Father has decreed that Christ shall rule o'er all; This is His great reward, He governs great and small. For by His death, the work the Father gave Him Jesus finished all.

Let sinners washed by blood and clothed in righteousness, Sing joyful praises to the Lord with thankfulness; Christ Jesus saved! For by His Sacrifice He brought us back to God.

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The natural man's affections are wretchedly misplaced; he is a spiritual monster. His heart is where his feet should be, fixed on earth; his heels are lifted up against heaven, where his heart should be set. --Thomas Boston

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"TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?"

"From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."

As it was with Peter and the rest of the disciples, so it is with all sensible sinners and true believers who see there is no other to go to for life and salvation, but Christ. Not to the law of Moses, which accuses, curses, and condemns and by which there is neither life nor righteousness. Nor to any creature or creature performance, for there is a curse on him that trusts in man and makes flesh his arm. Nor to their own righteousness, which is impure and imperfect and cannot justify before God nor answer for them in a time to come. Nor to their tears of repentance which will not satisfy the law, atone for sins or wash them away. Nor to carnal descent, birth privileges, a religious education, sobriety and civility to trust to which, is to have confidence in the flesh, which will be of no avail. Nor to ceremonial services or moral duties, or even evangelical ordinances, neither of which can take away sin. There is no other Saviour but Christ to look to; no other Mediator between God and man, to make use of; no other Physician of value for diseased and sin-sick souls to apply unto; no other fountain but His blood for polluted souls to wash in and be cleansed; no other city of refuge or strong hold for souls sensible of danger to flee unto and be safe; no other to come to as the bread of life where hungry souls may be fed; no other place of rest for those that are weary and heavy laden; nor is there any other where there is plenty of all grace, and security from every enemy, as in Him: and therefore, to whom can they have recourse, but unto Him? --John Gill

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IDENTIFICATION WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

If I truly believe the gospel of God's sovereign grace and glory, I will not hesitate to be fully identified with those who believe and preach the gospel IN MY DAY. Paul said to Timothy, "Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner" (2 Timothy 1:8). It is cowardice and compromising to brag on dead preachers like Spurgeon, Pink and Barnard and fail to support, encourage and hear those who preach the gospel NOW! Such professors who never wear the scars of battle will never wear the crown. Those who shun the good fight of faith in their day will never celebrate the victory in that great day of our Lord. --Henry Mahan

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ONE DISTINCT MESSAGE

There are not many ways of salvation, just one and that is God's way! There are not many messages which the Holy Spirit may choose from to bring about the conversion of sinners, just one and that is God's truth. There are not many gospels which men may preach that contain the glad tidings of full and complete redemption and salvation by grace, just one and that is God's gospel. There are not many religious teachings which result in spiritual life given to sinners, just one and that is God's life. There are not many Saviors who can wash, make righteous and bring vile, sinful wretches to a holy God, just one, Jesus Christ the almighty Lord of lords and King of kings. The Savior said to His disciples, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh to the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6).

--Pastor Jim Byrd

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PERSEVERANCE

"No man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand, I and my Father are one" (John 10:29-30). Here we have final perseverance, and not just the perseverance of the saints, but that of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. It is the final perseverance of the Holy Trinity. It is the final perseverance of the Holy Ghost in opening the ears of the sheep; it is the final perseverance of the Father in keeping, through His own name, the blood-bought flock in the hollow of His everlasting hand. Salvation is of the Lord! From first to last it reaches down to where the sinner is, in all his guilt and ruin, and bears him up to where God is in all His holiness, truth and righteousness; and it endures forever with God the Father as its source, God the Son as its channel, and God the Holy Spirit as the power of application and enjoyment. It is all of God from beginning to end. If it were no so, it would be presumptuous folly to speak of final perseverance.

--Scott Richardson

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THE FLESH IS JUST THAT, FLESH

No influence nor operation of the Holy Spirit can ever make the flesh spiritual. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh" and can never be anything else but "flesh." And "all flesh is as grass," as withered grass. The flesh in the scripture is presented not as a thing to be improved, but as a thing which God counts as "dead" and which we are called upon to subdue and deny in all its thoughts and ways (Galatians 5:24). He does not say, "They that are Christ's are improving or trying to improve the flesh." No, but they "have crucified it." It is utterly unimprovable. God expects nothing from the flesh; neither should we. He looks upon it as dead; so should we. He has put it out of sight; we should keep it so. The flesh should not be allowed to show itself. God does not own it. It has no existence before Him. True, it is in us; but God gives us the privilege of treating it as dead. His Word to us is, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:11). --Scott Richardson