

**OCTOBER 20, 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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Our Bible Conference dates are November 8-10 and our speakers will be:  
pastors Tim James, Gary Shepard and Norm Wells. Mark your calendars.

In our Bible classes, we just finished studying the book of Matthew,  
verse by verse. All 124 lessons that I wrote are available in the file  
crates in the office.

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**BE JOYFUL CHILDREN OF THE LORD**

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

How truly gracious is the Lord,  
Compassionate and kind;  
And those who trust His promises,  
Will comfort in Him find.

In love He purposed to bestow,  
Upon a chosen race;  
The honor to be sons of God,  
According to His grace.

In time the Father sent His Son,  
Our ransom price to pay;  
And by His bloody sacrifice,  
Christ washed our sins away.

He reconciled us unto God,  
And brought in righteousness;  
We are redeemed, set free, forgiv'n,  
His beauty we possess.

Our Savior ever lives above,  
For us to intercede;  
His blood poured out on Calvary,  
Shall for us ever plead.

Be joyful children of our God,  
The Lord shall soon appear;  
Then sin and sorrow will be past,  
And gone will be each tear.

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### **GOOD NEWS**

No sermon deserves the name of a gospel message which does not set forth the good news that everything the thrice holy God required for the salvation of His people was fully and finally accomplished by the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. He satisfied the demands of a broken law for His people when for our sins He suffered, bled and died. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Galatians 3:13). The strokes of divine justice fell upon that blessed One Who died upon the cross in the stead of His people. The salvation of a chosen race was conditioned upon Him being "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8). God Almighty looked to His Son for complete satisfaction to His every demand and He was not disappointed.

It is not good news to set conditions before a sinner which they must meet before sin can be put away and God can declare them to be righteous. If you lay down certain ceremonies he must observe, spiritual advances he must make, specific duties he must perform or rigid precepts he must obey, you give him no hope at all; in fact, you mock him in his misery. If salvation is dependent upon any contribution on the part of the sinner, he must forevermore be lost; being sinful and alienated from God because of iniquities, there is no possibility of him ever winning Divine favor.

The gospel of the blessed God is good news for helpless sinners because it declares, "the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD" (Psalm 37:39). He appointed a people unto salvation and the Lord Jesus has cancelled the indebtedness of all those chosen ones. By His death He removed their sins and brought in everlasting righteousness. The exalted Sovereign sends to them the Holy Spirit Who grants them spiritual life, repentance and faith. He gives them the blessed assurance that Christ accomplished everything demanded to justify them before God. This is God's salvation that is conditioned upon, not the sinner, but upon the Savior. Here is good news indeed!

--Pastor Jim Byrd

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"The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works" (Psalm 145:8-9).

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Build your nest in no tree here...for the Lord of the forest has condemned the whole woods to be demolished.

--Samuel Rutherford

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### **FORGIVENESS**

"But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared" (Psalm 130:4). This forgiveness that is with God is such as becomes Him; such as is suitable to His greatness, goodness and all other excellencies of His nature; such as that therein He will be known to be God. What He says concerning some of His works of providence, "Be still, and know that I am God," may be much more said concerning this great effect of His grace; "still your souls and know that He is God." It is not like that narrow, difficult and limited forgiveness that is found amongst men - But it is full, free, bottomless, boundless, absolute; such as becomes His nature and excellencies. It is, in a word, forgiveness that is with God, and by the exercise whereof He will be known so to be - God Himself doth really separate and distinguish His forgiveness from anything that our thoughts and imaginations can reach unto; and that because it is His, and it is like Himself. Forgiveness is an object for faith alone which can rest in that which it cannot comprehend. Faith is never safer than when it is, as it were, overwhelmed with infiniteness. --John Owen

### **ALL OF GRACE**

How perfectly suitable is the free grace of God in Christ to fallen sinners. Are we miserable? God is merciful. Are we guilty? God is gracious. Are we needy? God is giving. Are we spiritual paupers? God is charitable. Are we poor? God is infinitely rich in mercy. Are we defiled? We are forgiven through the blood of Christ. Are we wicked? Upon the basis of the substitutionary death of our Substitute, we are made the righteousness of God in Him. --Pastor Jim Byrd

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A revival, a visitation from God, will not accomplish everything that some people expect. Pentecost did not convert Jerusalem. Jerusalem went on to Judgment. Pentecost accomplished God's eternal purpose. God is not out to convert the world, but to call out a people for himself. Revival furthers that purpose.

--Scott Richardson