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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

[Live Streaming \(Audio and Video\)](#)

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 53](#) (Aaron)

Call to Worship: 'Redeemed By His Blood'

Scripture Reading: [2 Peter 3](#) (Robert)

Hymn # 17- 'Come Thou Fount'

Scripture Reading: [Jude 1](#) (David)

Message- 'Preserving Grace'- [John 17:11-16](#)

Hymn # 210- 'Saved By the Blood'

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in Jesus' Miracles

FRIDAY

7:00 AM- International Worship (Malawi)

10:00 AM- Bible Study in French

SATURDAY

8:00 AM- Fellowship in Christ

SUNDAY

7:00 AM- International Worship (Malawi)

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Radio Broadcasts every Sunday Morning (CST):

9:00 KWKH AM Radio 1130, Shreveport, LA area or LIVE streaming @ <http://1130thetiger.com/listen-live>

Call to Worship

(Tune # 45- 'Ye Servants of God, Ye Master Proclaim')

Ye children of God, through faith in His Son
Redeemed by His blood and with Him made one.

This union with wonder and rapture be seen,
Which nothing shall sunder, without or within.

This pardon, this peace, which none can destroy,
This treasure of Grace, this Heavn'ly joy.
The worthless may crave it; it always comes free.
The vilest may have it, 'twas given to me.

'Tis not our good deeds, good tempers nor frames.
From Grace it proceeds and all is the Lamb's.
No goodness, no fitness expects He from us.
This I can well witness, for none could be worse.

Sick sinner, expect no balm but Christ's blood.
Thy own works reject, the bad and the good.
None ever miscarry that on Him rely,
Though filthy as Mary, Manasseh or I.

Enduring All Things for the Elect's Sake

**“Therefore, I endure all things for the elect’s sakes,
that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”**

[\(2 Timothy 2:10\)](#)

We never know when it will please God to reveal His imputed righteousness in Christ in one of His chosen ones but He will in His time. In the meantime, we may have to endure much opposition and trial in declaring this Gospel Truth, that when the LORD Jesus Christ laid down His life on the cross, it was there that God once and for all declared every one of the elect’s justified before Him, [Romans 4:25](#), [5:1](#).

The question is, ‘What is it about this Doctrine that causes such opposition, even in some who may well be elect of God that as yet the Spirit of God has not yet revealed in them this Truth of the FINISHED WORK of the LORD Jesus?’ The principal reason is the depravity and blindness of the heart that keeps us from seeing the clear testimony of Scripture. We all have a prejudice toward what men teach, rather than what the Word has to say. We all have our bias toward certain writers, positions because we would rather justify ourselves rather than God so we hold on to the grave clothes that only the Spirit of God can unloose to free us, [2 Corinthians 3:14-16](#).

The other answer is how our own self-will wants to be right in our own eyes rather than confess that we have been wrong and need the LORD to bring us to Him again in repentance and the acknowledging of the TRUTH, [2 Timothy 2:25](#). How easy it is to preach that others must repent, yet ourselves resist the need for God to do a work of repentance in our own hearts. The notion that we have already repented and therefore don’t need further repentance is contrary to the True Word of God. Biblical repentance is an ongoing work of the Spirit in the heart, where the Spirit of Grace is at work there is a continual cry unto the LORD to grant repentance even of our repentance, that in every way, our hearts be aligned with the TRUTH as it is in Christ, [2 Peter 1:10-11](#).

How hardened is the heart when we act like the ostrich with his head buried in the sand saying, *‘I have already made up my mind, please don’t confuse me with the facts!’* When it comes to how God justifies sinners, the clear declaration of the Word is that: it is **in, by, and through** the bloodshed unto death of the LORD Jesus Christ alone, [Romans 3:24](#). We dare not even add the words *‘based on’* or *‘on the ground of’* to allow for those who believe that the elect were justified by God before time *‘based on’* what Christ would accomplish or those who say that it is upon believing *‘based on’* what Christ did at the cross. NO! Let’s not be guilty of adding to what the Scriptures declare in [Romans 5:9](#), **“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”** It does not say *‘based on’* but **BY** His blood.

What can we conclude then of those who refuse to bow to the clear declaration of Scripture? They may well be the elect of God, ones whom God has already saved and justified at the cross but has not yet taught by His Spirit. For them, we can and do endure all things for their sake. If not, then those who oppose should fear that by arguing against this Truth, they may be reprobated. For those of us that the LORD has taught, let us not be weary in well doing in giving testimony to no other righteousness than that ordained of God, earned and established by the LORD Jesus, imputed at the cross and revealed by the Spirit in the heart of those that Christ's blood has justified already. Despite the opposition, we can rejoice that in God's time it will be when it pleases Him to reveal Christ in one of His own, [Galatians 1:15](#).

Faith proves itself to be a genuine grace of the Holy Spirit when it submits to and trusts in the righteousness of God in Christ alone for justification, His blood for pardon and His all-prevailing merits and intercession for life- [2 Peter 1:4](#). Faith glorifies the LORD Jesus as God's High Priest Who put away sin and honors Him as King to rule and govern and yields obedience to Him as God's Prophet to instruct in the Truth.

Ken Wimer

God's Refining Work

He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. [Job 23:10](#)

He knoweth our frame. [Psa. 103:14](#)

He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men. [Lam. 3:33](#)

The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The LORD knoweth them that are his.

And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

**But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver,
but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.**

**If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified,
and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.** [2 Tim. 2:19-21](#)

He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. [Mal. 3:3](#)

I...will refine them as silver is refined....they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God. [Zech. 13:9](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Do You Know the LORD?

Many will say 'LORD' with their lips but their heart is still wrapped in self-will, pride and satisfied with any signs of peace, [Matthew 7:21](#). They think themselves at peace with the LORD because they have feelings of sympathy for Him but they are not real or lasting sentiments being still wrapped in grave clothes of sin that are welded to their dead souls. When the LORD calls the Lazaruses from the grave of sin, the grave clothes must be taken off of them. ***“And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.”*** [\(John 11:44\)](#)

Have you heard the Voice of the Son of God calling you from the deadness of sin? It is the Great I Am that calls a sinner. His constraining grace makes him willing in the day of His power, [Psalm 110:3](#). It is the blood shed of the LORD Jesus for sinners that has made the way open for us to even approach a Holy God and plead for mercy. That's the way that the LORD Jesus Christ does His work when He resurrects a dead soul to life in Him. Those of us who are the LORD's do not mind, nor are we offended if someone asks us "Do you know the LORD?" I wish more people would question our salvation. Has the LORD tested what you have? If it is of Him it will hold!

Ed Hale