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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 71](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Hark! How the Gospel Trumpet Sounds'

Scripture Reading: [1 Peter 3](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 35- 'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven'

Scripture Reading: [John 19:31-42](#) (David)

Message: 'Jesus' Death and Burial'

Hymn # 67- 'How Can It Be?'

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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 # 295- 'He Leadeth Me')

Hark! How the Gospel trumpet sounds!
Christ our Free Grace therein abounds.
Free Grace to such as sinners be,
And if Free Grace why not for me?

The Savior died and by His blood,
Brought rebel sinners near to God.
He died to set the captives free,
And why, my soul, why not for thee?

Thus Jesus came the poor to bless,
To clothe them with His righteousness.
That robe is spotless, full and free,
And why, my soul, why not for thee?

Endless life by Christ is giv'n,
And sinful men are raised to Heav'n.
Then sing of Grace so rich and free,
And say, my soul, why not for thee?

No Fear in Christ

*"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:
because as he is, so are we in this world." [\(1 John 4:17\)](#)*

So complete is this display of God's love to us, that at the day of judgment we shall have no fear and even at present, in spite of indwelling sin, we, by union to Him, are as really righteous as our Surety: **"...as He is, so are we!"** Hence it is that they altogether mistake the Gospel who cherish fears and doubts, as if they were part of its results. This love has no element of fear in it; nay: *"He that feareth is not made perfect in love."*

True Worship

“Only fear the LORD and serve him in truth

with all your heart:

for consider how great things he hath done for you.”

[\(1 Samuel 12:24\)](#)

This portion of God’s Word instructs us in three vital elements of true worship. These are: fearing the LORD, serving Him in Truth with all the heart and considering how great things He has done for His people.

1) **The fear of the LORD:** These words in [1 Samuel](#) are addressed to those whom God has chosen in Christ, redeemed and justified by the blood and righteousness of His Dear Son and called to Himself, [v. 22](#). The fear is not one of a cowering slave before his master but rather of a reverential, respectful son before his father. Such is the privilege and authority with which chosen, redeemed and justified sinners are commanded to approach a Him. This fear of the LORD is wholly by the revelation of Christ to the heart by the Spirit of God, in those that God has already forgiven for Christ’s sake, [Heb. 12:9; 22-28](#).

2) **Serving the LORD:** Service to God is not a duty to be fulfilled but rather the *‘reasonable service’* of all who are objects of His Sovereign Mercy: Christ Jesus, [Romans 12:1](#). The picture is that of the bond servant who, given the freedom to leave, clings to His master and is bonded forever to him out of love for him, [Exodus 21:6](#). Notice, however, the two characteristics of such service are:

2.1) **In Truth:** None can truly serve the LORD except in accord with the Truth as revealed in the Gospel of His Blessed Son. Many feign serving the LORD based on their own decision, dedication, works and zeal. They have a zeal but not according to knowledge, [Romans 10:1-3](#). To serve the LORD in Truth is the result of God graciously revealing in the heart of sinners the glorious person and work of the LORD Jesus Who is Truth, [John 14:6](#). Any who seek to serve God for any other reason or motive than Christ as their only righteousness are actually self-serving. Some wrongly serve out of fear of punishment, others out of desire for reward and others to be seen of men. The only true motive is the Truth as it is in Christ: Who He is and what He accomplished in His life and death to satisfy ALL of God’s law and justice.

2.2) **From the heart:** True service to God by way of praise, honor and glory is the outworking of God’s Grace from the heart, **Colossians 3:16**. It is from the heart that God causes His children to believe in the righteousness that Christ has established and the Father imputed to them at the death of His Son, **Romans 10:4**. It is from the heart that they worship and serve Him: *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.”* ([John 4:23](#))

3) Considering how great things He hath done: For Israel this had to do with how God brought them up out of Egypt and settled them in the land of Canaan, nurturing them, sending them prophets and raising up faithful judges and kings to rule over them. For the church it is to consider God's Mercy and Grace, not only in the temporal things that He provides but particularly ALL Spiritual blessings in Christ: (justification, pardon, forgiveness of sins, peace, and endless life in and through Him), [Ephesians 1:3](#).

What could be more necessary, needful or glorious?

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The LORD's Mercy and Grace

He arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off,
his father saw him, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. [Luke 15:20](#)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; not rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. [Psa. 103:8-13](#)

Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. [Rom. 8:15-16](#)

Ye who sometime were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

*Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints,
and of the household of God. [Eph. 2:13-19](#)*

Daily Light on the Daily Path

The Cross and Its Message

In a small village stood a chapel upon whose arch were inscribed the words, '**We preach Christ crucified**', that all who entered the chapel or stood outside might understand the purpose for which the meeting-room had been built. For years, faithful men preached there and presented a Crucified Savior as the only ground of salvation. But as those generations passed, there arose a generation that considered the cross and its Message '*the gospel of the shambles*' and began to preach salvation by Christ's example, without the necessity of His sacrificial death on the cross.

Over time, a little vine made its way up the side of the archway and covered the final word of the inscription. Now it read, '**We preach Christ**' and so they did **but not Christ crucified**. After some time, some asked why the sermons should be confined to Christ and the teachings of the Bible, so the preachers began to give discourses on the social gospel, politics and moral disarmament without Christ. And the little vine crept along a little further and wiped out the third word of the inscription so that it read simply, '**We preach**'. Man's philosophies and social conditions had taken the place of Christ's Gospel.

How jealous we should be of knowing nothing among our hearers but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, [1 Cor. 1:18-24](#); [2:2](#).

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