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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 72](#) (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'O What a Savior Jesus Is'

Scripture Reading: [Colossians 2](#) (Ken)

Hymn # 132- 'He Lives'

Scripture Reading: [John 20:1-10](#) (David)

Message: 'The Empty Tomb'

Hymn # 137- 'Christ the LORD Is Risen Today'

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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 # 46- 'O for a Thousand Tongues')

O what a Savior Jesus is,
How suited to our need.

He died to save us from our sins,
For so it was decreed.

No other one could rescue us,
No other one could save.
To set us free from guilt and shame,
His life He freely gave.

Who else but Christ the Righteous One,
The law could satisfy?
He died upon the bloody tree,
Our souls to justify.

Who else but God the Father's Son,
For us could intercede?
His name alone prevails with God,
No other name we plead.

O may the blood and righteousness,
Of Jesus ever be.
Our only Trust and Confidence,
Our only Hope and Plea.

Christ's Intercession in Heaven

May the intercession of Christ in Heaven for you (the believer) encourage you to constancy in the Good Way of God. ***“Seeing then that we have a great High-priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.”*** ([Hebrews 4:14](#))

Here is the encouragement to persevere on a double account. One is, that Jesus, our Head, is already in Heaven and if the Head be above water, the body cannot drown. The other is from the work He is there performing: His Priesthood; He is passed into the heavens, as our great High-Priest, to intercede and therefore we cannot miscarry.

John Flavel

The Redeeming Efficacy of Christ's Death

“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

([Titus 2:14](#))

The Gospel sets forth Christ as the Victorious Savior, Who gave Himself, not out of sympathy for sinners but because of the mercy and grace of God the Father and the need to earn and establish a just satisfaction for sin for those that the Father purposed to save before the foundation of the world! The Good News is that His death was not merely an attempt to save as many as possible but to actually redeem everyone that God the Father purposed to save and gave to His Son. Christ Himself declared, ***“And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day.”*** ([John 6:39](#))

When the Scripture declares that he might redeem us from all iniquity: the word ***“that”*** reveals the purpose of His coming. It wasn't to try to save everyone but ***“us”*** in the context refers to the elect of God, [Titus 1:1](#). ***“That He might redeem”*** does not mean ***'maybe'***. In Greek, that entire phrase is actually just two words that might better be translated: ***'in order to redeem'*** or ***'with the purpose of redeeming'***. Has God ever failed in what He has purposed to do? There is no doctrine more dishonoring than to teach that God purposed to save sinners who, in the end, are not delivered! That could never be! ([\[Isaiah 42:1-4\]](#))

There is however another aspect of this text that bears careful notice. Christ's death actually redeems, not just from the curse of sin but the power of sin and shall fully and finally redeem from the presence of sin in glory, [2 Corinthians 1:10](#). The Scripture says: ***“...and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”*** To 'purify' means that they are both justified (declared righteous) before a Holy God by the death of His Son and

sanctified (set apart unto holiness) by the gracious work of the Spirit of God in the heart because of Christ having sanctified them already by His shed blood unto death, [John 17:19](#). The term **“peculiar people”** doesn’t mean ‘odd’ the word in Greek is ‘purchased’. Since purchased, they are not their own, [1 Cor. 6:20](#); [7:23](#). The purchased people are identified as those whose minds, wills and affections belong to Christ. Their thoughts are drawn to Him; their affections fixed on Him; their hope and expectation are all founded on Him. Their joy is not dependent on anything in themselves or this sin-marred world but looks only to HIM! And so they live out their lives, to HIS honor, praise and glory.

Ken Wimer

Spiritual Eyes to See

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. [Psa. 119:18](#)

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. [Luke 24:45](#)

It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. [Matt. 13:11](#)

I thank thee, O Father, LORD of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. [Matt. 11:25-26](#)

We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. [1 Cor. 2:12](#)

*How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!
If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand.* [Psa. 139:17-18](#)

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the LORD? or who hath been his counsellor? For of him, and through him, and to him are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. [Rom. 11:33-36](#)

Many that Sleep in the Dust

“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt”

[\(Daniel 12:2\)](#)

What a morning will this be! How distinguished from every other! LORD, how often do I now awake with thoughts of earth and sin and trifles and vanity. How have I opened mine eyes this morning? Was it, Dearest Jesus, with thoughts of Thee? In that solemn morning there will be no longer dreams, as now, even in our waking hours for all childish imaginations, shadows, doubts and fears will be done away. Precious, Blessed LORD Jesus cause me morning by morning, while upon earth, to awaken with sweet thoughts of Thee! Let the close of night and the opening of the day be with Thy dear name in my heart, on my thoughts and on my lips and in that everlasting morning, after having dropped asleep in Jesus and in Thy arms by Faith, may I awake up in Thy embraces and after Thy likeness, to be everlastingly, endlessly satisfied with Thee!

Robert Hawker