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SCRIPTURE ALONE · GRACE ALONE · CHRIST ALONE

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SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 119:65-72](#) (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'Wherewith Shall We Approach the LORD?'

Scripture Reading: [Ephesians 1](#) (Robert)

Hymn # 42- 'All Hail the Power'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 11:25-36](#) (Adam)

Message: 'The Mystery of God's Salvation Unveiled'

Hymn # 268- 'How Firm a Foundation'

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies on the Names and Titles of Jesus in Scripture

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 # 110- 'Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?')

Wherewith shall we approach the LORD,
And bow before His throne!

By trusting in His Faithful Word,
And pleading Christ alone.

The blood, the righteousness and love,
Of Jesus, will we plead.
He lives within the veil above,
For us to intercede.

Sure ground and sure foundation too,
We find in Jesus' name.
Herein we every blessing view,
And every favor claim.

Then let His name forever be,
To us supremely dear.
Our only, all prevailing plea,
For all our Hope is there.

This is the name the Father loves,
To hear His children plead.
And all such pleading He approves,
And blesses them indeed.

A Sure Foundation

The decree of election stands upon an unchangeable Foundation, to wit, that Rock of Ages, **“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”** ([Heb. 13:8](#)) As the first Adam was the foundation stone in the decree of creation, so the last Adam, even Jesus, is the foundation stone in the decree of election. God hath blessed us in Him, yea and we shall be blessed; He hath chosen us in Him; pardoned us in Him; sealed us in Him; built us up and completed us in Him: **“According to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”** ([2 Tim. 1:9](#)) All those acts of grace are said to be in Christ: hath blessed us in Christ, [Eph. 1:3](#); chosen us in Him, [v.4](#); in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, [v.7](#); in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed, [v.13](#); rooted and built up in Him, [Col 2:7](#) and we are complete in Him, [v.10](#).

Christopher Ness

Trial by Fire

“Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man’s work shall be made manifest by fire...”

[\(1 Cor. 3:12-13\)](#)

At first glance, many attribute these verses to some future trial of believers in glory, that will somehow determine who will receive some rewards and how many. However, the context shows that it is not about believers receiving or losing rewards in glory but rather the LORD testing the work of His servants, Gospel preachers, at various times in their ministries.

1. **“Now if any man builds”:** In [verses 4-9](#), the apostle Paul speaks of those whom the LORD appoints to declare the glorious message of Christ. One plants, another waters but each one preaching and teaching according to the labor that the LORD has given them.

2. **“This foundation”:** It is preachers of the Gospel of whom Paul speaks here because the Foundation on which they build is Jesus Christ, [v. 11](#). False preachers are not building on the Foundation that is Christ but rather, man and works. The foundation that God laid in Christ is that of salvation through His blood shed unto death and righteousness imputed alone. God the Father purposed salvation and sent His Son to accomplish it completely on behalf of those He has determined to save. That Foundation was only laid once in the death of the LORD Jesus, [Hebrews 10:10-14](#). God calls out Faithful Gospel preachers to build on that Foundation [\[v. 10\]](#) but let every man (Gospel preacher) **“...take heed how he buildeth thereupon.”** ([v. 10](#))

3. **“Gold, silver, precious stones”:** This typifies the clear message of Christ and Him crucified set forth in all His glory as the Effectual Substitute, Redeemer, and Satisfaction for the sins of God’s elect.

4. **“Wood, hay, stubble”**: Preaching Christ and yet intermingling the message with empty and useless commentary, intellectualism, form, ceremony, or tradition. It is not referring here to any who preach another Gospel but preaching the Gospel of Christ with fleshly motive, envy and strife, [Philippians 1:15-18](#). Such were the philosophy and vain deceit, the weak and beggarly elements and the rudiments of the world of which he speaks in [Galatians 4:9](#) and [Colossians 2:8](#).

5. **“The fire shall try every man’s work...” (v.13)**: It will be manifest by the fruit of that ministry, whether it was built on Christ and His grace, or mere intellectualism and ceremony. **“If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he shall be saved...” (v. 15)** The loss will be the minister’s labor in this life and work crumbling. God removing the ‘dross’ the winnowing work was done but his soul preserved being one for whom the LORD paid the debt.

May the LORD Jesus Christ ALWAYS be exalted clearly and simply in the preaching of His Gospel.

Ken Wimer

The Wisdom of God

The only wise God our Saviour. [Jude 1:25](#)

Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. [1 Cor. 1:30](#)

Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? [Job 11:7-8](#)

We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory. [1 Cor. 2:7](#)

The mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known, by the church, the manifold wisdom of God. [Eph 3:9-10](#)

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. [James 1:5](#)

The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be in-treated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. [James 3:17](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

The Hiding Place

A hiding place is needed from sin lest it should destroy the body and soul in hell. Where shall we find it? In the law? That is going out of the wind into the storm. In self? That is the very thing from which we most need shelter. Jesus is the Hiding Place, the only Hiding Place from sin and self. ***“Thou art my hiding place...”*** said David of old, [Psalm 32:7](#). This was shown to Moses, in a figure, when the LORD put him into the cleft of a rock, which Augustus Toplady has so beautifully versified, to paint the longing desire of his soul: *“Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.”* It is the man, Christ Jesus, Who is the sinner’s Hiding Place. His pure spotless humanity, His pierced hands and feet, His wounded side—here is the Hiding Place from the blasts of sin.

J. C. Philpot