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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 34](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Christ Alone Saves'

Scripture Reading: [Hebrews 7](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 47 'All Glory to Jesus'

Scripture Reading: [Exodus 29:1-9](#) (David)

Message- 'Sanctified unto God'

Hymn # 117- 'He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions'

The LORD's Table

Hymn # 112- 'Blessed Redeemer'

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in the book of Nehemiah

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')

My heart upon Christ Jesus rests,
No other one can save.
I trust the blood and righteousness,
Of Him the Father gave.

He suffered awful agony,
And died upon the tree.
To satisfy a Holy God,
He bled and died for me.

The precepts of God's holy law,
The Savior satisfied.
My countless sins were washed away,
When Jesus bled and died.

Through life and death and endless days,
"Christ only" is my plea.
I know that He will keep me safe,
For all eternity.

The Grace of God in the Heart

Such is the effect of the Grace of God [Christ Jesus] in the heart of a pilgrim; while on one hand, he sees the propensity of his evil nature to every sin which has been committed by others and is humbled. He also confesses, that, by no power of his own, he is preserved but ever gives the glory to the God of All Grace [Christ Jesus] by Whose power alone he is kept from falling.

John Bunyan

For Their Sakes

“And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.” ([John 17:19](#))

This statement of our LORD Jesus Christ sanctifying Himself is drawn from the Old Testament imagery of priests being sanctified (set apart) unto God for the work of the ministry on behalf of the people. Priests were to be hallowed (sanctified) by God for the work of representing the people, [Leviticus 11](#). Sacrifices were consecrated (sanctified) according to the requirements of the law for God to be forbearing with their sin, [Lev. 4](#).

In the work of sanctification of the LORD Jesus we find two key elements. How He sanctified Himself and those for whom He sanctified Himself.

1.) How the LORD Jesus sanctified Himself. As God’s appointed High Priest, He was eternally sanctified (set apart to this work) by God the Father, [Isaiah 42:1](#); [Matthew 12:18](#). Therefore, the LORD Jesus as God in the flesh sanctified Himself in willing submission to His Father. He set Himself apart to fully satisfy God the Father’s law and justice that by His sanctification, His people would also be sanctified in Him, [John 17:17](#). The high priests of the Old Testament went into the sanctuary bearing the names of their people on their breastplates, [Exodus 28:12,29](#). Even so the LORD Jesus Christ came to earn and establish God the Father’s righteousness in His life and then to lay down His life so that the whole of His life and death, as God’s High Priest, was the complete satisfaction of the Father for His elect.

2.) Those for whom He sanctified Himself. ‘*For their sakes,*’ was not for everybody in the world as [John 17:2](#) declares. Christ did NOT pray for the world but for those that the Father gave Him from out of the world. He died for a world of sinners that the Father purposed should be sanctified (set apart) in His work as their Substitute. When Christ prayed ‘*for their sakes,*’ the word ‘*for*’ means, ‘*on behalf of*’ or ‘*in the place of*’ another. Many falsely presume that sanctification is their work but clearly, from Christ’s intercessory prayer here, it was His work to do on behalf of those that the Father gave Him.

What about the Scripture that says, **“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.”** ([Leviticus 20:7](#))? In the Old Testament this was a commandment for the people to set themselves apart to submit to the high priests and the sacrifices being offered on their behalf. However, in the New Testament, we are not instructed to sanctify ourselves as if we have anything to offer. All the sanctification (being set apart by God in Christ) was accomplished by Christ by Him sanctifying Himself on our behalf. And it is God, by His Spirit that continues to keep His elect, redeemed and justified children in that state of sanctification unto Him, by the righteousness imputed of the LORD Jesus at the cross, [1 Peter 1:2](#).

[1 Thessalonians 5:23](#) states, **“And the very God of peace sanctify [literally, continue to sanctify] you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved [kept] blameless [in Christ’s cross work] unto the coming of our LORD Jesus Christ.”** Sanctification is the work of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

-God the Father sanctified sinners in His election of them (setting them apart in Christ), [John 17:17](#).

-God the Son sanctified them in His death on the cross, [Ephesians 5:26](#).

-God the Spirit sanctifies them in calling them to Christ (separating them out in regeneration from Spiritual death and darkness), [2 Cor. 3:18](#).

This is God’s work **“for their sakes,”** each one that HE has purposed to save and has saved and justified in the death of His Son, [1 Corinthians 1:30](#); **“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”** ([Philippians 1:6](#))

Ken Wimer

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 counselor? For of him, and through him, and to him are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen. [Rom. 11:33-36](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Christ's Intercession for His Own

Jesus prayed before He left this world, ***"I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever."*** ([John 14:16](#)) Now upon what ground did the Comforter come down? When Jesus was glorified, when the Victor had gone right up again to glory and the heavens had received Him then down came the blessed Spirit to attest the glorious reality of the accomplished and finished work on Calvary's cross. And so, if the Holy Spirit convinces you of sin, of your need of Christ, of His blood and His righteousness, of your need of Him as your Burden-bearer, your Kind Guide and Deliverer, He then draws you, in your helplessness and feebleness, to the throne of Grace even if you are not able to articulate one sound. If you are brought there in your helplessness and faintness, if so, there may be hope concerning such a wretch as you, you cannot fail while Jesus Christ lives in Heaven.

Walter Brooke (2016)