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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 46](#) (*Robert*)

Call to Worship: 'God of Mercy and Grace'

Scripture Reading: [Genesis 6](#) (*Bob*)

Hymn # 256- 'It Is Well with My Soul'

Scripture Reading: [John 16:8-15](#) (*David*)

Message- 'The Spirit of Judgment and of Grace'

Hymn # 168- 'Even Me'

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in the book of Esther

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 # 257– 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus')

Great Jehovah, our Salvation,
God of Mercy and of Grace.
Who sent Christ to save His nation,
His dear sheep from every race.

REFRAIN

How we love Him, Christ our Savior,
He Who reigns o'er all to bless.
All His people with salvation,
Praise the LORD Our Righteousness.

There's a peace that knows no ending,
In the Savior's loving arms.
With our Precious LORD's attending,
Keeping safe from all alarms.

We rejoice in our redemption,
Earned by Christ, our Great High Priest.
He Who reigns without exemption,
Intercedes for us to plead.

Blinded to the Truth

“Pilate, therefore, said unto him, Art thou a king then?

Jesus answered Thou sayest that I am a king.

To this end was I born,

and for this cause came I into the world,

that I should bear witness unto the truth.

Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Pilate saith unto him,

What is truth? And when he had said this,

he went out again unto the Jews,

and saith unto them,

I find in him no fault at all.”

[\(John 18:37-38\)](#)

Pilate was staring THE TRUTH in the face, yet could not perceive Him; Who He was and how God had purposed that He be delivered up by his very hands, to accomplish God the Father's will by him, even though he did not know Him, nor believe on Him. There are many today, if not most, who like Pilate, have the Truth of Christ declared to them, yet are Spiritually blind and unable to perceive Him as He is in Truth because only the Spirit of God can open their eyes to see Him and believe on Him, [John 3:3-8](#).

Pilate had no interest in our LORD Jesus Christ, other than a passing question: ***“What is truth?”*** All Pilate could do was ponder the question without perceiving this One Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life for those He came to save, [John 14:6](#). Pilate, left to his own reasoning and self-will had no urgency in his soul to know Christ as Truth. He went out and declared the Truth when he said, ***“I find in Him no fault at all.”*** Yet, there was no understanding as to how that Truth was the very sum and substance of how God saves sinners through the sinless person and work of this very One Who stood before him. Here was the Sinless, Perfect Lamb of God, about to be delivered up by his own wicked hands, not knowing that Christ Jesus was the very One ordained of God to be sacrificed and slain to satisfy God's justice and save those the Father had given Him. Pilate was more interested in preserving his own power and position before the people than having the persuasion that He should seek this very One brought to him by God, through the people, to crucify Him. While the religious crowd led Him to Pilate to condemn, it was God the Father Who was delivering up His own Son according to His determinate counsel and foreknowledge, [Acts 2:23](#). Here is proof that the unbelief of sinners in no way thwarts the will and purpose of God. Rather, He uses all things to His own honor and glory, [Romans 3:3-4](#).

Was Pilate any less excusable for that? No! Pilate was exercising his will in ultimately delivering up Christ to be crucified, all the while fulfilling God's will. That's why, despite our LORD's clear declaration of Himself as THE TRUTH, Pilate remained hardened and blinded. None of that changed THE TRUTH that as God's King, it was to this end that He came into this world, to rule and conquer sin, Satan and even the law of God, on behalf of a kingdom of sinners that the Father had given Him, [John 18:37](#). Our LORD identified these sinners saying that every one that is of the Truth hears my Voice. Yet Pilate did not hear because he was not one of Christ's sheep, [John 10:26](#). He had been judicially blinded justly by God, [2 Corinthians 4:4](#).

There are many today who are judicially blinded by God. When confronted with the Truth of the Gospel, like Pilate, they prefer to wash their hands and ultimately deliver Christ up to justify themselves or maintain their own position and profession. They would rather sacrifice Christ's honor and attempt to preserve their own depraved will to choose. They won't believe that the doing and dying of Christ as the Substitute has settled the whole matter of salvation outside themselves. They value their own supposed righteousness and are blind to their own wretchedness. They cannot see that the only place where God has accepted righteousness, approved and imputed it, is in Christ's obedience unto death. Whether in ignorance or rebellion they say that Christ's death can only be made effectual by the sinner's personal decision to believe on Him or not. They do not see salvation as accomplished, approved and applied in His death alone.

It is not enough simply to say, "***I find no fault in Him,***" yet blindly, never see the glory of His person, nor the necessity of His death as their only justification and salvation before God! How great then is that blindness? [Matthew 6:23](#), "***But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!***"

Such would be our case were it not for God in Grace opening our eyes to Christ and bringing us to Him in repentance.

Ken Wimer

The Effectual Grace of God in Christ

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 for ever.***

*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

Justification By Imputed Righteousness

Justifying righteousness is the doing and suffering of Christ when He was in the world. This is clear because we are said to be “...*justified by His obedience.*” ([Romans 5:19](#)) by His obedience to the law. Hence, He is said again to be the end of the law for that very thing, “*Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*” ([Romans 10:4](#)) The end, what is that? Why the requirement or demand of the law? But what is it? Righteousness, perfect righteousness, [Galatians 3:10](#). Perfect righteousness, what to do? That the soul concerned might stand spotless in the sight of God, [Revelation 1:5](#). Now this lies only in the doings and sufferings of Christ; for by His obedience many are made righteous; wherefore as to this,

Christ is the end of the law; that being found in that obedience is sufficient for our justification. Hence, we are said to be made righteous by His obedience and to be washed, purged and justified by His blood, [Hebrews 9:14](#); [Romans 5:18-19](#).

John Bunyan