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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51 (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'Behold the Throne of Grace'

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 16 (Robert)

Hymn # 20- 'We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer'

Scripture Reading: Exodus 30:1-10 (David)

Message- 'The Altar of Incense'

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

The LORD's Table

Hymn # 485- 'Revive Us Again'

Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in the Miracles of Christ Jesus

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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Audio Messages Available 24/7 On-Line

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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 # 188- 'I Love Thy Kingdom, LORD')

ehold the throne of Grace,
His promise calls us near.
There Jesus shows His lovely face,
And lives to hear our prayer.

That rich, redeeming blood,
Which at the cross we see,
Provides for those who come to God,
An all-sufficient plea.

Thy Mercy, LORD, bestow,
Thy Presence and Thy Love.
We ask to serve Thee here below,
And reign with Thee above.

Abiding in Thy Faith,
Our will conformed to Thine.
Let us victorious be in death,
And then in glory shine.

Forgiveness of Sins

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:14)

he forgiveness of sin is a truly great theme throughout the Scriptures. Forgiveness is great for three reasons. First is the enormity of sin that requires forgiveness. Second, is the greatness of the One Who must forgive the sin, God Himself. The third is the infiniteness of the cost of forgiveness and the unworthiness of those who are forgiven. Paul's Word to the Colossians clearly shows that forgiveness of sins is solely in and by the

death that the LORD Jesus Christ accomplished. It says that we HAVE redemption through His blood, EVEN the forgiveness of sins. Sadly, many wrongly imagine that forgiveness of sins is conditioned or contingent on their faith, confession, acts of penitence or other personal reforms.

The word 'forgiveness' (aphiemi) means 'to send forth, send away, to remit, or to blot out' (Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words by W. E. Vine). 'Blotted out' is derived from exaleipho which means '...to wipe, signifies to wash, or to smear completely' [Vine]. Amazingly, so complete is the forgiveness of God for those He gave His Son to save that the Scriptures declare that He remembers no more, Hebrews 8:12.

Who has God forgiven? Undeserving sinners! That's Amazing Grace! [1 Timothy 1:15].

How has He forgiven? He has done so FREELY by His Grace in the death of His Son, <u>Ephesians 1:7</u>. When the LORD Jesus laid down His life, it was then that He put away sin. There was a two-fold, simultaneous, immutable, imputation whereby the Son bore the sin of all of the elect of all time, thereby **purging their sin** and in the same instant, the Father accounted to them the Son's righteous obedience, thereby **justifying them** once for all, [1Peter 2:24, Hebrews 10:10].

The blood shed unto death of the LORD Jesus is the ONLY means of forgiveness for the elect, whether in the Old Testament or since the cross. Animal sacrifices were not efficacious in the permanent remitting of sin. In fact, there continued to be remembrance of sin: sin was 'continued forward' if you will, Hebrews 10:1-4. Jeremiah prophesied that the days would come when God would make a new covenant that would procure 'total' forgiveness when the LORD Jesus died, Jeremiah 31:31-34. The writer to the Hebrews quotes Jeremiah and shows its fulfillment is in the new covenant that has the LORD Jesus as its Everlasting Sacrifice, <a href=[Hebrews 8:6-13, 1-5] with chapters 7-10].

Our LORD Jesus said, "For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Matthew 26:28). We are sanctified by the blood of His covenant, Hebrews 10:29. Moreover, Jesus' blood reconciles the estranged [Romans 5:10], redeems the otherwise enslaved [Ephesians 1:7] and justifies the guilty, Romans 5:9. Jesus' blood is not only presently effective but His blood flowed backward for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, Hebrews 9:15.

Some falsely reason that the elect of God were never under the condemnation of God's law and justice. They presumptuously claim like the Pharisees in <u>John 8:33</u>, "We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?" Were that so, then what would be the need for forgiveness? The need is that election did not put away sin, only Christ's death has for the elect. Election determined the Who, How, When and Where, in the death of the LORD Jesus alone.

Why has He forgiven? God has once, forever, accepted the sacrifice of His Dear Son, which now has effectually put away sin, Hebrews 1:3.

How do I know if He has forgiven me? The Spirit draws all those for whom Christ died to believe on the Son and rest in His complete work of redemption, <u>John 6:37</u>! They believe because Christ bought them! <u>[John 10:26-28]</u> and thereby enter into the peace in their consciences of the forgiveness obtained by Christ in His death, <u>1 John 2:12</u>.

"But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared." (Psalms 130:4)

Ken Wimer

Calling On the LORD

is mercy is on them that fear Him. Luke 1:50

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Psa. 31:19-20

If ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. 1 Pet. 1:17

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him...in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. Psa. 145:18-19

Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD...and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. 2 Kings 22:19

To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. <u>lsa. 66:2</u>

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Psa. 34:18

Daily Light on the Daily Path

The Sinless Savior

"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth."

(1 Peter 2:22)

ere is a glorious personage set before us as sinless: The Sinless Savior in Whose mouth there was no guile. How can we sufficiently admire such character: God and Man; One Precious Christ; the Savior of Sinners, His humanity perfect as His Godhead? I cannot use language too strong here because if we were to admit for one moment the possibility of so much as an impure thought, an impure motive, an impure design or an impure desire in the heart of Christ's humanity, it would neutralize and destroy the whole of His work and tarnish the entire glory of His person. But our souls rejoice in the fact, that, being of superhuman conception and birth; ["...that holy thing..." (Luke 1:35)] the body that God the Father had prepared for Him, being of the Holy Ghost – there was no sin in Him and no propensity to sin and no possibility of a propensity to sin. His humanity is as perfect, as sinless, as incapable of pollution as His Godhead. And this is of vast importance in our understanding of the glorious person of Christ.

Joseph Irons, 1849