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SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 107](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Beneath the Shadow of the Cross'

Scripture Reading: [Isaiah 12](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 110- 'Alas and Did My Savior Bleed'

Scripture Reading: [1 Peter 4](#) (David)

Message: 'Hope for Struggling Saints' [Romans 7:24-25](#)

Hymn # 256- 'It is Well with my Soul'

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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9:00 KWKH AM Radio 1130, Shreveport, LA area or LIVE streaming @ <http://1130thetiger.com/listen-live>

Altogether Lovely

When the Holy Ghost enables the soul to look by Faith to the ability, the willingness and the ALL-sufficiency of Jesus to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him—what a blessed sight it is to Him! What a heart-cheering, soul-ravishing, Christ-exalting view it is to his soul! Then he sees that the LORD Jesus Christ is the Highway of Holiness; He is a Glorious Way; a Way whereby God can be just and yet the Justifier of all those who believe in Jesus; the Way in which sin was taken away with all its damning consequences, the law with its curse removed, justice satisfied and hell and destruction everlastingly defeated. When the believer is led to see and know these things, how he delights in Jesus! Jesus becomes precious and ‘Altogether Lovely,’ to his never-dying soul.

John Kershaw 1834

Believer’s Baptism

***“And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water:
and the eunuch said, ‘See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?’ [\(Acts 8:36\)](#)***

Why baptism? Isn’t salvation all of Grace in the work of the LORD Jesus Christ alone? Yes! Salvation is in, by and through the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of the LORD Jesus Christ alone. Those for whom He accomplished salvation are elect of God the Father before the foundation of the world, whose salvation was accomplished in the fullness of the time, [Galatians 4:4](#). They are called by the Spirit of God in time to Christ and according to Christ’s command submit to water baptism (immersion) as a testimony to the completed work of the LORD Jesus on their behalf. How did the Ethiopian Eunuch even know to inquire about water baptism? Was it not that it was taught to him by Philip as the way of confessing the LORD Jesus whose Spirit had already begun His work of Grace in his heart? Before ascending into glory, our LORD commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel baptizing in the NAME of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, [Matthew 28:19](#). One NAME...One GOD in Whom salvation was purposed by the Father, accomplished by the Son and revealed by the Spirit. The One Name is Jesus in whom the fulness of the Godhead dwells, [Col. 2:9](#).

The Greek word for *baptize* means to ‘immerse’ or ‘dip’. That is because it represents the work of Christ in saving His people by His death, burial and resurrection. However, just as the Gospel of Christ has been perverted by natural minds, so has water baptism (immersion). Decisional ‘regeneration’ has become the norm in pseudo-Christianity whereby salvation is attributed to making a profession of ‘faith’ by walking an aisle, raising the hand, bowing the head, or repeating a prayer, which is then followed up with a discipleship class, leading up to qualifying for baptism. We find no such practice in the Bible. It simply says: ***“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized.” [\(Acts 2:41\)](#)*** No prequalification or precondition is required in

preparation other than the Spirit of God revealing Christ and His finished work in the heart of one of God's elect. The watery grave of baptism is an apt picture of the death of Christ. Only the believer can truly testify and rejoice in His death because God has given him eyes to see.

Who then may be baptized? [\[Acts 8:37\]](#) Do you believe in your heart that Jesus is THE CHRIST, God's Son, anointed and appointed as the Substitute for His people? Has God made Him Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption to you, [\[1 Cor. 1:30\]](#)? If so, then not only you may but you should want to identify with the LORD Jesus in water immersion.

Ken Wimer

God's Grace

The God of all grace. [1 Pet. 5:10](#)

I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious. [Exo. 33:19](#)

He is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom. [Job 33:24](#)

*Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness
for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.* [Rom. 3:24-25](#)

Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. [John 1:17](#)

By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. [Eph. 2:8](#)

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our LORD. [1 Tim. 1:2](#)

Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. [Eph. 4:7](#)

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. [1 Pet. 4:10](#)

He giveth more grace. [James 4:6](#)

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. [2 Pet. 3:18](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Precious Promises of the Gospel

Many of the precious promises of the Gospel suppose troubles and conflicts. As it is written: ***“When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when though walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shalt the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior. I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.”*** ([Isaiah 43:2-3](#))

We must have both watery trials and fiery trials and both go into and through them, in order to enjoy the presence of the LORD therein and to enter feelingly and Spiritually into the blessedness of this promise. And thus we shall find many of the exceeding great and precious promises of God connected with great troubles and sometimes exceedingly great troubles. But when, like Moses, we are enabled to choose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, we are doing the will of God; for this is one branch of the work of Faith: [Hebrews 11:24-26](#).

William Gadsby 1843

Call to Worship

(Tune # 183- 'Faith of our Fathers')

Redeemer! Whither should I flee,
Or how escape the wrath to come?

The weary sinner flies to Thee,
For shelter from impending doom.
Smile on me, Gracious LORD and show,
Thyself the Friend of sinners now.

Beneath the shadow of Thy cross,
The heavy-laden soul finds rest.
I would esteem the world but dross,
So I might be of Christ possessed.
I seek my every joy in Thee,
Be Thou both Life and Light to me.

Close to the ignominious tree,
Jesus, my humbled soul would cleave.
Despised and crucified with Thee,
With Thee resolved to die and live.
This prayer and this ambition mine,
Living and dying to be Thine.

There, fastened to the rugged wood,
By Holy Love's resistless chain.
And life deriving from Thy blood,
Never to wander wide again.
There may I bow my suppliant knee,
And own no other LORD but Thee.