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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 105](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Once a Stranger to Grace and God'

Scripture Reading: [Isaiah 54](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 495- 'Unsearchable Riches'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 7:1-6](#) (David)

Message: 'A Marriage Covenant with Christ'

Hymn # 509- 'The Sands of Time are Sinking'

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: #268 'How Firm a Foundation')

Once was a stranger to Grace and to God.
I knew not my danger and felt not my load.
The friends spoke in rapture of Christ on the tree.
Jehovah Tsidkenu meant nothing to me.

When Free Grace awoke me by Light from on high.
Then legal fears shook me, I trembled to die.
No refuge, no safety in self could I see.
Jehovah Tsidkenu my Savior must be.

My terrors all vanished before His sweet name.
My guilty fears banished; with boldness I came.
To drink at the Fountain, Life-giving and free.
Jehovah Tsidkenu is all things to me.

Thoughts on Eternal Justification

If there are any passages of Scripture having reference to justification, which thus represent it or bring it to view as an act passed in eternity, I have never discovered them, neither have the advocates of that sentiment, as far as I have seen, brought them forward. Besides, there are texts which, so far as I understand them, plainly contradict that idea: ***“Who was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification.”*** ([Romans 4:25](#))

If the sentence of justification on behalf of the church of Christ was actually passed in eternity then I cannot conceive how Christ only eighteen hundred years ago was raised for our justification. We needed not to be twice justified before God. ***“For by one offering He (Christ) hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.”*** ([Heb. 10:14](#)) Remember, it was by one offering that He perfected us. We could not be justified from all things without being perfected and the One Offering which perfected us was the making of His soul an offering for sin; that offering of His body once for all which He has accomplished on Calvary, as a time act, [Isa. 53:10](#); [Heb. 10:10](#). Again, according to [Romans 3:24](#), we are ***“Justified freely by His grace through***

the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” This justification must be the act of God for it to be ***‘freely by His grace’*** it must be through the ***‘redemption that is in Christ Jesus.’*** If so, then the act of justification cannot be considered as actually passed until the redemption was actually made. Redemption is through His blood: [Ephesians 1:7](#); [Colossians 1:14](#). Again, ***“In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son made of a woman and made under the law to redeem them that were under the law.”*** ([Galatians 4:4-5](#)) Hence, as redemption is so manifestly a time act for those who before ***‘were under the law’*** I cannot believe that the act of justification was passed until Christ died on the cross. It is true Christ is said in [Hebrews 9:12](#), ***“To have obtained eternal redemption for us”*** but a moment’s reflection on the passage and its connection will, I think, convince anyone that the redemption is here called ***‘eternal’*** not because it existed without a beginning but because it shall be, in its effects, without an end.

Samuel Trott

To Be Found in Him

“And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.” ([Philippians 3:9](#))

None will be found in Christ who hope in any other righteousness than that of God in Christ alone – established, approved and imputed at the cross. From Paul’s testimony here we learn three things:

1. **What is the sole object of a convinced sinner’s FAITH?** It is not what Paul was in himself nor anything wrought in him (even by God) nor done by him. His only hope and plea was wholly and exclusively in the person and righteousness of the Son of God. If you have the FAITH of God’s elect, your soul’s complete hope is the finished work of the LORD and to be found in Him in life, death and in the judgment to come. Like Paul, you are constantly looking outside yourself, to all that was wrought in Him and by Him. All other righteousness as a point of justification, forgiveness of sin and hope of endless life is nothing compared to the infinitely perfect and everlastingly glorious righteousness of Christ, [1 Corinthians 1:30](#); [Romans 5:9-11](#).

2. **What graces may be evidenced in us are the fruits of righteousness, not righteousness itself** [[Philippians 1:11](#); [Isaiah 32:17](#)] While we value the evidence of Grace in us as redeemed sinners [i.e.: faith, hope, love, repentance] we dare not look at them as our justification before God. They may be used by the Spirit as comfortable evidence that we are one with Christ and the object of the Father’s everlasting, electing, redeeming love but they are not our righteousness. Our righteousness is seated in Heaven, seated because Christ accomplished righteousness and finished it on behalf of sinners such as we are and is set down at the right hand of the Father’s majesty above, [Galatians 2:21](#); [Galatians 3:6](#) with [Romans 4:9](#). These graces are not bestowed on us as a rival to Christ but rather as comforting mercies to enable us to glorify HIM and exalt Him in our heart, lips and lives.

3. What good works may be evidenced in us or by us do not justify our persons but they do justify our FAITH, our profession and adorn the very Doctrine of Grace against the charge of licentiousness: [James 2:20-25](#). One found of Christ is more concerned with honoring Christ in obedience to Him than drawing attention to himself and his good works. May we also be more concerned that the Glorious Light of the LORD Jesus Christ so shine through us that men might see His good work for us and in us and glorify our Father Who is in Heaven, [Matthew 5:16](#).

Ken Wimer

God's Constant Gracious Presence with His People

Thou compassest my path and my lying down. [Psa 139:3](#)

Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! ' this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. [Gen. 28:16-17](#)

The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. [2 Chron. 16:9](#)

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only, makest me dwell in safety. [Psa. 4:8](#)

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. [Psa. 91:9-11](#)

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. [Prov. 3:24](#)

So he giveth his beloved sleep. [Psa. 127:2](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

The Wonder of the Cross

[Galatians 6:14](#)

It is in the suffering of Christ on the cross that the apostle desires to glory. And, no wonder, for when he thinks about Golgotha and there beholds the cross of Christ, then all things, as ground for boasting, flee away and the cross alone fills his heart and mouth with praises. There with an enlightened mind's eye he sees on the one hand God's spotless holiness, His unimpeachable justice, His eternal truth and on the other hand God's infinite love, His free grace and His boundless mercy complementing each other. O, what a glorious sight to behold, more beautiful than ever Adam saw in his state of rectitude. There he sees the great mystery, which the angels desire to look into, how God can and wills to be the God of a lost, poor, wretched and hell worth sinner. There he sees with wonderment the fulfilling of the council of God that was foretold by all the prophets that Christ should suffer; that Jesus of Nazareth should die on the cross. There he sees the fleeing away of all the shadows of the Old Testament worship and promises in the Light of the Sun of Righteousness: Jesus Christ, Who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God. There he sees with glorious adoration the complete satisfaction of the Divine justice, reconciliation for sin brought about and an earned righteousness brought forth.

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