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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 80](#) (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'The Love of Christ So Rich and Free'

Scripture Reading: [2 Corinthians 4](#) (Robert)

Hymn # 26- 'Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart'

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

Message: 'Separated unto the Gospel of God'

Hymn # 224- 'I Know Whom I Have Believed'

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in Jesus' Miracles

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: 'Doxology')

The love of Christ is rich and free;
Fixed on His sinners endlessly.
Not earth, nor hell, can it remove.
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be,
Their Everlasting Surety.
'Twas Love that took their cause in hand,
And Love maintains it endlessly.

Love cannot from its post withdraw.
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away.
He'll love His own to endless day.

Christ has redeemed His sheep with blood,
And Christ will bring them safe to God.
Christ calls them all from death to life,
And He will finish all their strife.

The Word of God

***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.”***

[\(John 1:1\)](#)

Christ, as the Word, was and is God's Way of communication with His people that He came to save. The Word was silent to some and yet very scolding to others such as the Pharisees and hypocrites. And yet to His own He speaks! What Grace to be spoken to by THE WORD! What did the Word say for all men to hear from Calvary? What was His attitude toward sin-laden, burdened down with guilt, hell-deserving sinners? Yea, what has your soul heard from God Himself, when His Word has cut out all your foundations from under you and driven you out of all your refuge of lies? All your hoping that you are one of God's elect is gone and you are expecting the worst.

Listen, I hear the Word made flesh saying: ***“Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”*** [\(Luke 23:34\)](#) It is the Word of a Complete Savior's sacrifice well pleasing to the Father and the blood to satisfy the justice of God having made peace through His death. Can you also not hear the Word coming forth from the cross, ***“It is finished?”*** All the Word being sharper than any two-edged sword rebuking and chastening leads up to this when the Word in the heart comes and does say, 'Christ died for me.' Redeemed one, never be lost again because you have been found! Never be condemned again because His Word says, ***“There is therefore NOW no condemnation.”*** [\(Romans 8:1\)](#)

Ed Hale

Walking in the Light

***“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship
one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son
cleanseth us from all sin.”*** [\(1 John 1:7\)](#)

What is it to walk in the Light? It certainly cannot mean a walk of sinless purity and perfection, even with our best behavior because the same text declares that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. What would be the need for cleansing if we could even for a moment have a sinless thought?

Here is a Scripture that requires an understanding of the context to interpret the text. Since the verse begins with the conjunction ***‘but’*** we need to go back to the previous verses to understand the contrast. The apostle John writes of the fellowship that God's redeemed, justified and called out elect

children enjoy in perfect harmony with His every attribute as God: **IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST**, [v. 3](#). To walk in the Light then is to walk in Him Who is THE LIGHT and by the revelation of Him as the Light, God's children walk in perfect harmony and fellowship with God as HOLY, [v. 5](#).

If we say that we have fellowship [perfect agreement and harmony] in all of God's attributes as just, holy and sinless yet walk in darkness, that is willful ignorance, attempting to love God and serve Him through self-will and self-righteousness, we lie. Dead works are a refuge of lies: [Isaiah 28:17](#). Those who walk in darkness **do not the Truth**, [v. 6](#). They are not submitted to the one true righteousness of God established, accepted and imputed in Christ upon completion of His obedience unto death, [Romans 10:3](#).

In connection with this, we then see the context of [v. 7](#) beginning with '**but**' **If we walk in the Light** [Christ's righteousness imputed at Calvary and revealed to the heart in time by the Spirit of God in the Gospel], **we have fellowship** [oneness, harmony, and agreement] **with one another** [God's elect, redeemed and justified ones] **and the blood of Jesus Christ** [shed and applied to their Spiritual account at Calvary] **continues to cleanse us from all sin** because that blood was effectually shed once for all and God has effectively put it away.

In the light of His death we enjoy the benefits of that legal state of perfect fellowship with God [justification] and by His Spirit we experience that perfect fellowship with God because Christ has already put away our sins. We don't pretend that we don't have sin, like all religious hypocrites, nor do we hide it but we own it and confess it continually, resting in Christ alone and His finished work and righteousness imputed at Calvary as our only Hope.

Ken Wimer

The Song of the Redeemed

They sung as it were a new song. [Rev. 14:3](#)

A new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us. [Heb. 10:20](#)

*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us,
by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.* [Titus 3:5-6](#)

***Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;
to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. [Rev. 1:5-6](#)***

***Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue,
and people, and nation. [Rev. 5:9](#)***

***I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number... cried...saying,
Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. [Rev. 7:9-10](#)***

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Married to Another

***“Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ;
that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead,
that we should bring forth fruit unto God.”***

[\(Romans 7:4\)](#)

Here is a parable in which the first husband represents the law; the wife represents the church and [not the second] but the last husband represents the LORD Jesus Christ. The picture is of a humble Jewish woman who is married to a stern, critical, unyielding, unrelenting, perfectionist husband. She can never do enough to please him. The meals are either too hot or too cold. He puts on a white glove to check for dust on the windowsill at the end of every day. When she speaks, she is too loud or too soft. She talks too much or too little. Her clothing is too dull or too flashy. She is too slow or too fast. What she thought was an ideal has become an ordeal. Now, she needs a new deal! She had a situation! She was in bondage! She had no legal or moral recourse. And worst of all, they both lived from the time of the first Adam to the advent and suffering of the Last Adam: the LORD Jesus Christ. Finally, the first husband, the law died. She was free! God's elect, the church, died to the law when Christ died. By His obedience unto death, He fulfilled every part and penalty of the law. By her union with Christ, she also fulfilled the law. She was married to the law; now, she is married to Christ. He is the exact opposite of the first husband. He is kind, tender, gentle, encouraging, accepting and loving. She has found a liberty she never knew existed. So it is for those married to Christ!

T. David Simpson