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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 32](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'His Righteousness Alone'

Scripture Reading: [2 Peter 2](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 47- 'All Glory to Jesus'

Scripture Reading: [John 13:16-32](#) (David)

Message- 'God Glorified in the Son'

Hymn # 49- 'Our Great Savior'

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in the book of Nehemiah

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 # 46- 'O for a Thousand Tongues')

Dear LORD, into Thy faithful hands,
My welfare I commit.
And to Thy righteousness alone,
For safety I retreat.

Sorrows and agonies and death,
Thou didst endure for me.
When all the sins of God's elect,
Were made to meet on Thee.

Though worthy in myself of hell,
And everlasting shame,
I cannot dread the frown Divine,
Accepted in the Lamb.

Still on Thy merit, Gracious LORD,
Enable me to lean.
Ever in Thee may I be found,
My Hiding Place from sin.

The Spirit's Work

will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth. [John 14:16-17](#)

It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. [John 16:7](#)

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. [Rom. 8:16](#)

*Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear;
but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. [Rom. 8:15](#)*

*The Spirit...helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought:
but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [Rom. 8:26](#)*

*The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope,
through the power of the Holy Ghost. [Rom. 15:13](#)*

*Hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts
by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. [Rom. 5:5](#)*

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. [1 John 4:13](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

The Only Ransom for Souls

*“For what is a man profited,
if he shall gain the whole world,
and lose his own soul?
or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”
[\(Matt. 16:26\)](#)*

There are many who labor their lifetimes to increase their treasures on earth, with relative success. Most do so without knowing or acknowledging that what they possess is given directly from the hand of the LORD, [Ecclesiastes 5:19](#). Were it not for the LORD giving us the intelligence and ability to take what He has given us and increase its value, we would know nothing but abject poverty. Yet, all the wealth that we accrue can in no way pay a ‘ransom’ for our souls.

When the Scripture asks the question, ***‘What shall a man give in exchange for his soul,’*** the word ***‘exchange’*** means ***‘ransom.’*** The truth is that men as merchants and entrepreneurs may well exchange their goods with others and gain from it yet when it comes to paying what is necessary to satisfy a Holy God, in exchange for their soul, there is NOTHING that anyone can give to God for Him to show favor or redeem that soul in return.

The apostle Paul, writing to the Galatians stated, ***“I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”*** ([Galatians 2:21](#)) Had any by their will or works been able to accomplish the law, Christ would not have come. God seeing and knowing that there was no one among sinners that could ever satisfy His justice, He came in the flesh, in the person of His Son and satisfied Himself on behalf of those sinners that He chose from eternity. ***“And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.”*** ([Isaiah 59:16](#))

“For what is a man profited...To gain the whole world...” and possess it as if it were his own with all its riches, honors and pleasures is vanity. ***“To lose his own soul”*** means to be cast away, to be shut out from God and ultimately cast into hell. Could the rich fool speak today, he would have to affirm God’s testimony in [Luke 12:20](#): ***“But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?”***

Two things are expressed by Christ in these questions:

1.) That those who are striving to gain the world and left to themselves will never renounce it for the sake of Christ and His Gospel and so will lose their souls. It is evident that they already have lost their souls. They were born in darkness and will die in that condemnation unless God has purposed to save them by the righteous work of His Son on their behalf, [John 3:19-20](#).

2.) That if the soul is lost, nothing can be given in exchange for it by works, will or wages to expect God’s favor in return, ***“None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him.”*** ([Psalm 49:7](#))

The Only Ransom for sinners is the death of the LORD Jesus and God’s righteousness that He imputed at the cross for His people when He had laid down His life for their sins. HE **is** the Only Ransom for sinners that God has saved by His Grace. He gave His life a ransom for many, literally ‘THE MANY’ [\[Mark 10:45\]](#).

Salvation and Good Works

“This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.”

[\(Titus 3:8\)](#)

Context is vital in understanding Scripture. If you simply take this verse and put it under a microscope, you might come away with the idea that our salvation is somehow gained or maintained by what we do or don't do. However, broaden the scope of this verse to what comes before and after and what you will find is that ***“this faithful saying,”*** refers back to verse 7 ***“That being justified by His Grace, we should be made heirs according to the Hope of Eternal Life [Christ Jesus].”*** We do not become heirs of Eternal Life by what we do but by being justified by the Grace of God, exclusively in, through and by the LORD Jesus Christ and upon completion of His finished work at Calvary. ***“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners...”*** [\(1 Timothy 1:15\)](#)

Sinners by definition are nothing but sin in their persons and works and therefore, unable to do anything, contribute anything or plead anything except for what brings condemnation: ***“For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God.”*** [\(Romans 3:23\)](#)

Therefore, it was needful for the work of the LORD Jesus Christ as their Substitute. He did not come to attempt to save sinners, He saved them: ***“And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins...”*** [\(Matthew 1:21\)](#) He did not render them savable, on condition that they do something. HE SAVED THEM. When revealed in the heart of one whom the Spirit of God has regenerated, they are caused to believe God and be careful to maintain good works. Having been justified through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, sanctified by His blood and righteousness alone and regenerated by the Spirit of God, it causes us to live, move and labor for His glory and honor in all things and the advancement of His Gospel in a lost and ungodly world.

Good works are not in order to earn our salvation but rather are the fruit and manifestation of that salvation that the LORD earned for His own: ***“Remembering without ceasing your work of Faith [Christ Jesus], and labour of Love [Christ Jesus] and patience of Hope [Christ Jesus] in our LORD Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father...”*** [\(1 Thessalonians 1:3\)](#) These good works they maintain are powered by the Holy Spirit and give Christ ALL the glory.

Christ our Eternal Life!

Praise Him alone!