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SUNDAY

Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: <u>Psalm 94</u> (Bob) Call to Worship: 'Lamb of God Thy Power Make Known' Scripture Reading: <u>Philippians 4</u> (Robert) Hymn # 44- 'And Can It Be That I Should Gain?' Scripture Reading: <u>Romans 4:17-5:2</u> (David) Message: 'Peace with God' Hymn # 81- 'Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name'

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

 ^cLive Streaming (Audio and Video) 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 # 393- 'Take My Life and Let It Be')

amb of God, Thy power make known; Sweetly draw and we will run. Make our love to Thee and Thine, Like the sun at noon-day shine. (Repeat)

> As the purchase of Thy blood, May we seek each other's good. And be it our great concern, Thee to view, of Thee to learn. (Repeat)

Flesh of flesh and bone of bone, With the King of glory one. Of one body each a part, Jesus, make us one in heart. (Repeat)

> King of kings, enthroned above, Come and shed abroad Thy Love. Fill us with Thy marvelous Grace, Make us see Thy glorious face. (Repeat)

Drawing Near to God

t is good for me to draw near to God. <u>Psa. 73:28</u>

LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Psa. 26:8

A day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. <u>Psa. 84:10</u>

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. <u>Psa. 65:4</u>

The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. Lam. 3:25

Therefore will the LORD wait that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him. <u>Isa. 30:18</u>

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. <u>Heb. 10:19-22</u>

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Jesus Made a Surety

"By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament." (Hebrews 7:22)

any often refer to the death of Christ as an 'atonement' and speak of Him as having 'secured' salvation for His Church. But is such language Biblical?

First, the notion of Christ's death as atonement does not adequately define what He accomplished. The word 'atonement' means 'a covering' and is used throughout the Old Testament concerning the blood sacrifices of animals. In the Old Testament economy, it is right to refer to those sacrifices as 'atonement' because they could not put away sin, <u>Hebrews 10:4-6</u>. Those sacrifices were but a typical covering before God, enabling Him to be just in forbearing with the sin of His elect until Christ came and fulfilled it completely in His obedience unto death, <u>Romans 3:25</u>. Christ's death, however, is not

properly an atonement (a covering) but a definitive putting away of sin. The reason why we do not find the same word used in the New Testament concerning Christ's death is that His death did put away sin and satisfied God's law and justice for His people and therefore is a true propitiation (satisfaction) [1 John 2:2] and reconciliation, Romans 5:11. You may say, 'Ah! Romans 5:11 uses the word atonement in the KJV!" Yes, that is the word the translators used but in the original, the word is 'reconciliation,' as used in Romans 5:10: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life".

Second, the notion that Christ secured salvation for His people at the cross does not adequately describe His finished work. Many will argue that He secured salvation, but security is not necessarily a full payment. They argue that the LORD Jesus 'secured' salvation at the cross but does not save the sinner until they appropriate His when they believe. Here again is language that is foreign to the testimony of God's Word. The Scriptures speak of Christ being **MADE A SURETY** (a full payment) of a better covenant through His death, <u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u>. A surety assumes the entire debt. He is not merely security against God's wrath but THE SURE SACRIFICE that forever removed it for His people, <u>Hebrews 10:10</u>.

The LORD Jesus did not merely make man salvable but he 'became' the Surety in time, having fulfilled what God the Father <u>purposed</u> in before the foundation of the world, <u>pictured</u> in the Old Testament in type, picture and promise but <u>accomplished</u> at the cross and revealed in the heart by the Spirit of God. As Surety, God and Man were united together in His person and His death brought reconciliation between God and men (sinners) through THE MAN Christ Jesus, <u>1 Timothy 2:5</u>. As God, He has laid His hand upon chosen sinners in covenant mercy. As Man, His blood shed unto death is all the satisfaction necessary before the Holy God for Him to show mercy, love, pardon and once and for all justify those He represents, having completed the work at Calvary, <u>Romans 4:25</u>. May the LORD grant us eyes to behold Him not as mere security but as God's Surety for His chosen, beloved sinners!

Ken Wimer

Christ Is All

"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all." (Colossians 3:11)

f one listens to the average message being preached today (purported by many to be the gospel) one hears about a 'savior' who is trying to save, one who would be 'LORD' if only men will let him or one who must wait till men open their hearts; one who is dependent on the creature to carry out his will

or bring others to him. This weak kneed 'jesus' that is preached far and wide, is not the GOD of the Bible. He is a figment of men's imaginations and is an impostor who has no real power.

A man who knows himself to be a sinner, lost and undone, can find no comfort in one who must ask his permission to save him. That man who has been acquainted with his own hopeless condition is longing to hear about ONE Who is mighty to save, ONE Who has all power in Heaven, earth and hell. ONE in Whose hand is the power of life and death, Who is able to save to the uttermost. Paul here declares that *CHRIST is ALL.* HE has no rival nor is there any who can thwart HIS will nor overturn HIS purpose. All things have been put under HIS feet.

Some tell us there is coming a day, even a thousand-year period of time when HE will reign in the earth. That message is two thousand years too late. HE came into the world as a KING, HE is the KING now and HE shall be the KING forever. It was this message that Peter preached on the day of Pentecost saying, *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both LORD and Christ."* (Acts 2:36) There remains nothing to yet come under HIS dominion that is not already under HIS feet.

This is such a clear message throughout the New Testament that it is unthinkable that a person could overlook it or neglect to proclaim it from the housetops. *"Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him."* (Heb. 2:8) The LORD JESUS Himself said, *"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."* (Matt. 28:18) Even the demons and Satan himself are but pawns in HIS mighty hand. As someone has said "The devil is GOD's devil" he is like a dog on a leash that can only fulfill the purpose the LORD has for him until the day he is finally destroyed in the pit of hell.

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