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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 92](#) (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding'

Scripture Reading: [James 2](#) (Robert)

Hymn # 351- 'Near the Cross'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 4:1-12](#) (David)

Message: 'Righteousness Apart from Works'

Hymn # 49- 'Our Great Savior'

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 # 35- 'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven')

Sovereign Grace o'er sin abounding!
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell.

'Tis a deep that knows no sounding,
Who its breadth or length can tell!

[On its glories, Let my soul forever dwell!] (Repeat)

What from Christ that soul can sever,
Bound by everlasting bands?
Once in Him, in Him forever,
So, Christ's endless covenant stands.

*[None shall pluck thee,
From the strength of Israel's hands!] (Repeat)*

On such Love, my soul, still ponder,
Love so great, so rich, so free.

Say, whilst lost in holy wonder,

[Why, O LORD, such Love to me!

Hallelujah! Grace will on reign endlessly!] (Repeat)

Sweet Consolation

What cause of holy wonder I saw in God's being a just God yet a Savior. That holy law that had been my terror for months, which had cursed me for every thought, word and deed, I now saw completely honored and righteously fulfilled in Christ.

And how precious were these words, "***For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.***" ([Romans 10:4](#)) While another text came upon the back of it with so much power, sweetness, majesty and glory that it overwhelmed me with adoration, praise and

thanksgiving: ***“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.”*** ([Galatians 3:13](#))

I saw, believed and felt that Christ had stood in my law place and stead so that all the wrath and damnation which I had deserved at the hands of a Just God had been laid upon Jesus. I saw that He had stood as my Surety and Bondsman Who had put away **all** my sins, magnified the law and made it honorable in a Holy Way and that there could be no condemnation from Heaven nor earth nor hell.

John Warburton

The Fear of God

***“Great fear came upon all the church,
and upon as many as heard these things.”***

([Acts 5:11](#))

What is it to fear God? Natural-minded sinners have no fear of God, [Romans 3:18](#). Many are religionists that have no fear of God because they have been told by false witnesses that once they make their decision for Jesus they are as good for Heaven as their own name and therefore need not fear. They are told that to doubt is a sin and so they should trust in their decision. Worldlings wear shirts that declare ‘No Fear’ boastfully declaring their independence from God and believing themselves strong enough to withstand any enemy or opposition.

The early church learned a quick lesson about not presuming before a Holy God. A couple, Ananias and Sapphira, had conspired together to make it appear that they were something they were not and God dramatically exposed their lie. He killed both suddenly and the church was just as quickly awakened and feared. What caused great fear to come upon all in the church and others who heard these things?

1.) The fear of God is not a mere fear of judgment but an awe and reverence of God as holy. Those given Spiritual eyes see Him as a God Who is a consuming fire and Who sees sinners for who they are; not as they appear to be to others. His holy justice exposes all men as deceivers, liars and hypocrites with no place to hide, [Hebrews 12:28-29](#).

2.) The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, [Proverbs 9:10](#). Those taught by the Spirit are made wise to the character and holiness of God and the utter horror of God and their utter abhorrence before Him as sinners. They are brought to confess that should God take account of their iniquity, none could stand, [Psalm 130:3](#). So holy is God and so sinful is man that nothing less than the death of His Son would or could justify those that He has appointed to salvation. Killing Ananias and Sapphira was there just due because of their hypocrisy. But to consider just how God hates sin and will not

endure it, consider what He did to His own Son: He spared not His Son but delivered Him up that He might be a Just God and Savior in saving those for whom His Son died as their Substitute, [Romans 8:32](#).

There are many today that falsely assume that they are beyond needing a Mediator between them and God. They view God as a God of Love Who waits for them to embrace His love and if they do so, then He will accept them. While it is true that God is Love, He does not compromise His holiness to love the sinner. His love is summed up in His love for His Son and those He gave to His Son to save and has come and fulfilled all that was necessary for God to love them and justify them by His Grace. Therefore, those who fear God cannot and will not approach Him in any other way than in, by and through His Son and His accomplished work at the cross, looking to Him in Christ alone for mercy, [Hebrews 4:15-16](#).

Ken Wimer

Showing Kindness for Christ's Sake

Distributing to the necessity of saints. [Rom. 12:13](#)

*David said, Is there yet any that is left...of the house of Saul,
that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? [2 Sam. 9:1](#)*

*Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred,
and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink:
I was a stranger, and ye took me in naked, and ye clothed me:
I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,
ye have done it unto me. [Matt. 25:34-40](#)*

*Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water
only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. [Matt. 10:42](#)*

To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. [Heb. 13:16](#)

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. [Heb. 6:10](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

The Myth of Progressive Holiness

***“That which is born of the flesh is flesh,
and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”***

[\(John 3:6\)](#)

There is no promise made that we shall be set free in this life from the in-being and the in-working of sin. Many think that they are to become progressively holier and holier, that sin after sin is to be removed gradually out of the heart until at last they are almost perfect in the flesh. But this is an idle dream; one which, sooner or later, in the case of God's people will be rudely and roughly broken to pieces. Nature will ever remain the same and we shall ever find that the flesh will lust against the Spirit. Our Adam nature is corrupt to the very core. It cannot be mended, it cannot be satisfied, it is at the last what it was at the first: inherently evil and will never cease to be corrupt until we put off mortality [the body of sin and death]. All we can hope for, yearn after, expect and pray for: is that this evil nature may be subdued, mortified, crucified and held in subjection under the Power of Grace [Christ Crucified]. But as to any such change passing upon it or taking place in it as to make it holy, it is but a pharisaic delusion which promises holiness in the flesh but leaves us still under the power of sin while it opposes with deadly enmity that True Sanctification [Christ Jesus] of the new man of Grace, which is wrought by Divine power and is utterly distinct from any fancied holiness in the flesh or any vain dream of its progressive sanctification.

J. C. Philpot