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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 101](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Crowned with Thorns'

Scripture Reading: [Galatians 5](#) (Aaron)

Hymn # 488- 'My Redeemer'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 6:1-12](#) (David)

Message: 'The Believer's Liberation Story'

Hymn # 442- 'Praise Him! Praise Him!'

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 # 10- 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past')

The head that once was crowned with thorns,
Is crowned with glory now.

A royal diadem adorns,
The Mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that Heav'n affords,
Is His by sovereign right.
The King of Kings and LORD of Lords
Is Heav'n's Endless Light.

The Joy of all who dwell above,
The Joy of all below,
To whom He manifests His love,
And grants His name to know.

Amid the splendors of His throne,
Unchanging Love appears.
The names He purchased for His own,
Still on His heart He bears.

Laboring at the Law and Not the Gospel of Christ

I believe there are many ministers who labor often at the law for fear that the pure liberty of the Spirit of God (which David calls a Free Spirit) should lead to licentiousness. But if the Spirit of Love in Christ is not sufficient to constrain, the terrors of hell will not be sufficient to deter and if the Spirit of Love will not produce good fruits, the pains of hell will never extort them; he that feels the most law terrors feels also the most enmity to God.

There is a great difference between law and Gospel; works and Grace; the letter and the Spirit but also between a legal commandment and a Life-giving commandment. The former bids us work for life, the latter bids us Live: ***“When thou wast in thy blood, I said unto thee, live...”*** ([Ezekiel 16:6](#)) At which command the sting of death flies and life and immortality are brought to Light, [2 Timothy 1:10](#).

William Huntington

Our Savior Justified

“He is near that justifieth me...” ([Isaiah 50:8](#))

When wicked and evil men condemned Christ to die, no one stood with him. Even His disciples were scattered from Him. Yet, with confidence He could say, ***“He is near that justifieth me.”*** The word ***‘justifieth’*** here is not used in the sense in which it is often in the Scriptures, to denote the act by which a sinner is justified before God but in the proper, judicial sense that He would declare Him to be righteous, Who knew no sin; although tempted in all things, [Hebrews 4:15](#). The Father would vindicate His character and show Him to be perfect before His law and justice.

All the testimonies of God the Father were in His favor - by the Voice which spake from Heaven at His baptism - by the miracles which He performed, showing that He was commissioned and approved by God - by the fact that even Pilate was constrained to declare Him innocent - by the wonders that attended His crucifixion, showing that 'He was a Righteous Man' even in the view of the Roman centurion [\[Luke 23:47\]](#) and ultimately by the fact that He was raised from the dead and was taken to Heaven and placed at the right hand of the Father - thus showing that His whole work was approved by God and furnishing the most ample vindication of His character from all the accusations of His foes.

In all of His suffering as the Substitute of His people, the LORD Jesus did not open His mouth to defend Himself but He willingly and patiently submitted Himself to God the Father to justify Him through His sacrificial death for His own, [1 Peter 2:23](#). Peter declared that although they had by wicked hands taken and crucified Him, yet it was ALL by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, [Acts. 2:23](#). Therefore, all the while the LORD Jesus suffered and cried, ***‘My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me,’*** yet His confidence was, ***“He is near that justifieth me!”***

It is the Father Who sent Him into the world. It was the Father Who purposed to save a great number of sinners by a Just Payment for their sins. It was the Father Who raised Christ from the dead, having done ALL that was required for Him to be just and justify, [Romans 3:26](#). By His death, the Son satisfied every just demand of the Father. He laid down His life willingly and sacrificially in the place of those sinners the Father gave Him to save. He came in the flesh as their Substitute to completely satisfy God's law and justice on their behalf. There is no other way that God has ever granted pardon to sinners and declared them righteous, except through the death and imputed righteousness of the LORD Jesus there at the cross. God must grant us repentance of thinking it is in any other way. If Christ was justified as the Effectual Substitute, having finished the work and being raised from the dead, it must be that His people were justified in Him at the same time and therefore can, by the Spirit of God say: ***“He is near that justifieth me.”*** ([Isaiah 50:8](#))

Ken Wimer

Light and Life in Jesus Christ

The entrance of thy words giveth light. [Psa. 119:130](#)

The message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [1 John 1:5](#)

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. [2 Cor. 4:6](#)

The Word was God. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. [John 1:1-4](#)

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](#)

Ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the LORD: walk as children of light. [Eph. 5:8](#)

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. [1 Pet. 2:9](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Not of Us

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,

hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us...” [\(2 Corinthians 4:6-7\)](#)

The work of the Spirit of God, by the mercies of God, is to call His elect sinners out of darkness into the Marvelous Light of the knowledge of Christ, [2 Corinthians 4:4](#). So why would we preach anything else but Christ and Him crucified? Christ is the Light. We preach that the Spirit of God reveals Christ to the heart through the Gospel and is the Only Truth there is. Therefore, this Light that God gives to His elect is the Greatest Treasure, [2 Corinthians 4:7](#). However, the excellence of the knowledge of Christ is of God and not of us. It is this Treasure, the Light of the knowledge of Christ and Him crucified, that God reveals within His elect, that the Power might be of God. The Power of God unto salvation is from the LORD Jesus Christ. It's not of any part of us and so we preach NOT OURSELVES. There's nothing good in us. Our LORD said that we cannot add one cubit to our stature MUCH LESS can we do anything about our Spiritual condition, about Spiritual Light, about seeing the Truth, understanding the Truth or having a knowledge of it in ourselves. We cannot do it. It is all by the Mercy of God: CHRIST alone!

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