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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 100](#) (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'Praise our Great and Gracious LORD'

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

Hymn # 334- 'Be Thou My Vision'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 5:17-21](#) (David)

Message: 'Reigning Grace'

Hymn # 210- 'Saved by the Blood'

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 # 222- 'There Is a Fountain')

(Based on [Psalm 78](#))

O H praise our great and gracious LORD,
And call upon His name.

To strains of joy tune every chord,

His mighty acts proclaim.

Tell how He led His chosen race,

To Canaan's promised land.

Tell how His covenant of Grace,

Unchanged shall ever stand.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,

The moving fire by night.

To guide His Israel on their way,

He made their darkness light.

And have not we a Sure Retreat,

A Savior ever nigh?

The same Clear Light to guide our feet,

The Day-Spring from on high?

We too, have Manna from above,

The Bread that came from Heaven.

To us the same kind hand of Love,

Hath Loving Waters given.

A Rock we have from whence the Spring,

In rich abundance flows.

That Rock is Christ, our Priest, our King,

Who life and health bestows.

Oh let us prize this Blessed Food,

And trust our Heavenly Guide.

So shall we find death's fearful flood,

Serene as Jordan's tide.

And safely reach that happy shore,

The land of Peace and Rest,

Where angels worship and adore,

In God's own presence blessed.

Delivered from God's Wrath

"...and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." ([Ephesians 2:3](#))

Is there any sense in which it may be said that those whom God has purposed to save and Christ did save by His death on the cross, were at one time children of wrath? The answer is, 'NO!' The Scripture says that we were 'by nature' children of wrath but that is different from stating that we are children of wrath. 'By nature' we all deserve God's wrath and certainly share the same sin nature inherited from our father Adam. However, it is clear that those whom God has chosen, redeemed, justified and therefore saved, were always objects of Mercy and not wrath.

1.) [Romans 9:22-23](#) makes a clear distinction between those who are vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy. Just as tares never become wheat and goats don't become sheep, so vessels of wrath are forever so and vessels of mercy have always been such, by God's eternal sovereign grace.

2.) [1 Thessalonians 5:9](#) states, **"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our LORD Jesus Christ."** It wasn't to make God merciful that Christ died on the cross. Rather, it was because, in Love, God elected and predestined a people to salvation ([Ephesians 1:4-5](#)) and Christ came and paid the required ransom in His death, that God might be just (justified) in loving, saving and showing Mercy to His elect, [Romans 3:26](#).

This is what the LORD Jesus accomplished! Although the elect are all born into this world deserving of God's wrath and until the cross, were under the legal condemnation of God's law, the Bible declares that the LORD Jesus Christ so met all the requirements of God's law and justice that His forbearance of those in the Old Testament is now ratified in the death of the LORD Jesus. Therefore, His full forgiveness, grace and love toward the elect since the cross is justified now, even before they are brought by His Spirit to Christ in Faith, [Romans 3:25](#). As one old writer so plainly puts it, "So, all the elect were considered in Christ, Who by His death, did free all the elect from this fall of sin and death; so as since Christ's death, none of the elect were under that state of wrath or curse, nor indeed could possibly be." Because then **"Christ redeemed them from under the law."** ([Galatians 4:4-5](#))

Some may object, citing [John 3:36](#): **"...he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."** However, this verse does not support the notion of God's wrath being on someone until they believe. If you consider the entire verse together, it is contrasting those who do believe because they have been given everlasting life in Christ, versus those who never believe (continuous present tense) because they have been and always will be under God's wrath. They were never objects of Mercy and therefore will never believe.

To be an object of Mercy is to be chosen by God the Father in electing grace and to be redeemed, justified, sanctified and reconciled by the death of Christ. In time each one will be brought to Him in repentance by the Spirit's calling out through Faith (the revelation of Christ in the soul): [1 Peter 1:2](#).

The Blessedness of Trusting the LORD

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hoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he. [Prov. 16:20](#)

Abraham staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. [Rom. 4:20-21](#)

The children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers. [2 Chron. 13:18](#)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. [Psa. 46:1-2](#)

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes. [Psa. 118:8-9](#)

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fail, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. [Psa. 37:23-24](#)

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. [Psa. 34:8-9](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Christ's Petition Granted

“And now, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.” [\(John 17:5\)](#)

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AS the petition granted? Answer, ye Roman sentinels, who watched His sepulcher! Answer, ye men of Galilee, who gazed upon His chariot as He ascended from the Mount of Olives!

The glorification of the Son by the Father implies all the honors of His mediatorial office: all the crowns that He won by His victory over death and hell. The Father raised Him from the dead and received Him up into glory as a testimony of His acceptance as the sinner's Surety: an expression of perfect satisfaction with His vicarious sacrifice upon the cross. It was the just reward of His work; it was the fruit of His gracious travail. He is crowned with glory and honor for the sufferings of death because He hath poured out His soul unto death therefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name that is above every name.

Christmas Evans (1766-1838)