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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 61](#) (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'Great Father of Glory How Rich Thy Grace'

Scripture Reading: [Acts 4](#) (Robert)

Hymn # 256- 'It Is Well with My Soul'

Scripture Reading: [John 18:12-27](#) (David)

Message- 'Jesus Trial and Peter's Denial'

Hymn # 145- 'Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus!'

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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 # 268- 'How Firm a Foundation')

Great Father of Glory, how rich is Thy Grace!
What wonderful love is displayed in Thy face!
In Jesus Thy image, with brightness we view,
With hope to be formed in that likeness anew.

Oh, Wonder of wonders! Astonished I gaze,
To see in a manger, the Ancient of Days!
From sin to release us, that yoke so long worn,
My God, my Creator, of woman was born!

For unworthy sinners, my LORD bowed His head.
For unworthy sinners, He suffered and bled.
My Spirit rejoices, the work is all done!
My soul is redeemed, my salvation is won!

Great Father of Glory, how rich is Thy Grace!
What wonderful love is displayed in Thy face!
In Him our Beloved, we're washed in His blood.
With confidence come to the throne of our God.

The Testimony of Faith

*"The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away:
blessed be the name of the LORD." [\(Job 1:21\)](#)*

All of the LORD's elect, whether in the Old Testament or since the cross, have the same testimony of Faith because the same Spirit Who grants that Faith works effectually in each one, [Ephesians 4:5-8](#). The entire chapter 11 of Hebrews is the testimony of Faith given of all of the LORD's elect beginning with Abel, to Enoch, Abraham, Moses, Lot, etc., they were chosen vessels of Mercy by God and He separated them out to Himself and appointed them as sinners for whom the LORD Jesus would pay their sin debt. The Faith they share is having been chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, redeemed and justified by His shed blood unto death and being called to Christ by His Spirit, [Ephesians 1:3-7](#).

It was not because they were any better than any others. Even though Job, by God's mercies was upright in his generation, he still had to learn that any righteousness before God must be that which God would grant him through the work of the LORD Jesus alone. While he thought he knew God, the LORD would teach him Truth and bring him to repentance. In the end he declared: "***I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.***" ([Job 42:5-6](#)) True repentance is a continual turning to God, even faith in the LORD Jesus, [Acts 20:21](#).

When the LORD began His work of humbling Job, there wasn't an ounce of wrath in His dealings with him, as harsh as the circumstances were in stripping him of every earthly prop. God purposed it all in Mercy because he was a vessel of Mercy and all vessels of Mercy the LORD will humble and bring them to confess even as he initially did, **'THE LORD gave and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.'** The name of the LORD is the LORD Jesus Christ: "***Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.***" ([Acts 4:12](#))

There are those from whom God in His sovereign will has taken away the Light of the Gospel and judicially blinded them, that they never even desire to seek Him through His Son the LORD Jesus alone without any contribution of man's will or works, [2 Corinthians 4:4](#). However, there are others, like Job and all of God's elect that He has given to Christ and given them salvation, sanctification, justification and eternal [endless] life by Christ's perfect obedience unto death. What He has given can never be taken away, [John 10:28](#). In every case, whether withholding Grace or giving it, 'blessed be the name of the LORD.' The LORD alone gets the glory.

Those that are the LORD's have but this one testimony of Faith. While Job suffered the loss of all temporals and even false spiritual hope, by the Spirit of Grace, he declared: "***My Redeemer liveth!***" ([Job 19:25](#)) In Him, by Him and through Him, all is well! [\[Romans 11:36\]](#)

What is the Gospel?

The Gospel declares all that God has done to deliver His chosen people from imputed damnation and their native darkness. The Gospel concerns the elect looking to their Substitute on the cross where God delivered them from the law's penalties and where God discharged sin and imputed righteousness.

The Gospel reveals how God delivered His elect from the darkness of disbelieving and misbelieving. By sovereign Spiritual awakening, the Spirit of God enters the soul and enlightens the elect regarding what He has done for them in the LORD Jesus. With the mind illuminated and the affections fired, the will obeys and follows God's sovereign call of Grace. They turn from false notions of God to the Way of Light. The Gospel affirms God's unconditional election of sinners before the foundation of the world, justification by Christ at the cross and the Holy Spirit awakening them in time. This is not alternate doctrine or higher doctrine; it is the only Doctrine. And this Gospel must be heard: [Eph. 1:13](#); understood: [Rom. 15:20-21](#) and believed: [Rom. 10:14-16](#).

David Simpson

Standing Before a Holy God

Who shall be able to stand? [Rev. 6:17](#)

**Who may abide the day of his coming?
and who shall stand when he appeareth?
for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap. [Mal. 3:2](#)**

**There is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,
who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. [Rom. 8:1](#)**

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. [Gal. 5:1](#)

**I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number,
of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues,**

***stood before the throne,
and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes,
and palms in their hands.
These are they which came out of great tribulation,
and have washed their robes,
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
They shall hunger no more,
neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
For the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them,
and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters:
and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. [Rev. 7:9-17](#)***

Daily Light on the Daily Path

A Settled Matter

Until it is a settled matter in the mind of an individual as to WHEN the imputation of righteousness occurred, confusion will reign. There was only one imputation of righteousness. It exclusively occurred at the cross of the LORD Jesus Christ. It was strictly a judicial act. The result was God declaring all the elect of all time, righteous in His sight: [Rom. 4:25](#); [Rom. 5:1](#). God ratified this one-time declaration of righteousness by raising Christ from the dead. The resurrection of Christ was the objective proof positive, to the elect, of the finished justification of all those in Christ. Until Christ came, God did forbear with and did pass-over the sins of all the Old Testament saints, including Abraham: [Rom. 3:25](#). For without the shedding of blood there is no remission. Likewise, His attribute of forbearance also granted a reckoning of the Faith by Promise, in which 'Faith' was the objective contents of Faith meaning Christ Himself and His future coming to bring in that everlasting righteousness that God would at long last impute to the elect upon the establishment of it: [Rom. 4:3-13](#); [Gal. 3:18](#). Like Abraham, all Old Testament saints believed the promise of that one true righteousness TO BE established by the LORD Jesus Christ on their behalf: [John 8:56](#). New Testament saints look back to that one time declared righteousness. What God did by PROMISE for OT saints was actually accomplished and declared to be so upon the death of Christ: [Rom. 4:25](#). This is precisely what the resurrection signified: righteousness imputed and sin not imputed resulting in finished justification at the cross of Christ.

Steve Baloga