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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 75](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Jesus Lived, Died and Rose on High'

Scripture Reading: [Zechariah 13](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 495- 'Unsearchable Riches'

Scripture Reading: [John 20:17-23](#) (David)

Message: 'Jesus Appears to His Own'

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

[Live 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 # 118- 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross')

Jesus lived and loved and died,
Rose and lives to intercede.
And with Zion on His breast,
He has said He'll ever rest.

Long before this world was made,
Or that monster sin, appeared,
God was Love and loved His Son,
He ordained those He'd redeem.

Love constrained the Lamb to die,
For a wretch so vile as I.
Love, immensely great and free,
Christ has shown to worthless me.

Once I drowned in guilt and sin,
Heeded not a heart unclean.
But I now with wonder tell,
Jesus saved my soul from hell.

It Is Enough

*"And Israel said, It is enough, Joseph my son is yet alive:
I will go and see him before I die." [\(Genesis 45:28\)](#)*

With what rapture and ecstasy of soul the old patriarch Israel heard of his son Joseph?! Not only alive but also governor of the land of Egypt. 'It is enough,' he said, as though he could enjoy no more. How then ought the hearts of poor sinners to be filled with joy and fired with transport to hear their Friend and Brother Jesus lives for evermore; that 'the government is upon his shoulders;' that He is their King and their Priest upon His throne: that the counsel of peace is established, fixed and unalterably established between the Father and Him on their account? Surely, if we believe this, as verily as Jacob believed the report concerning his son, we shall also cry out with him, 'It is enough,' perfectly sufficient. More joyful news cannot be heard; more comfortable truth cannot be believed; fuller evidence cannot be desired. Stronger proofs cannot be given than is revealed, of the covenant transactions of the Adorable Trinity, on behalf of sinners.

W. Mason

The Golden Chain of Salvation

“Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified.”

[\(Romans 8:30\)](#)

One thing we learn from this verse is that the salvation of sinners is by God's sovereign order and decree. If any sinner is saved, it is because God the Father decreed it and named that one in the Book of Life of the Lamb Slain, [Revelation 13:8](#). God purposed that, in time, His elect ones should be declared justified by the blood and righteousness of the LORD Jesus imputed to their account at the cross, [Romans 5:9-10](#). When Christ died, rose again and ascended on high, all chosen sinners whose names were written on His breastplate as the Great High Priest were then and there glorified with Him, [Ephesians 2:5-6](#).

This is exactly the order of salvation set forth by the apostle Paul in [Romans 8:30](#). Some attempt to use this verse to teach the sinner's justification upon God decreeing it as already accomplished before Christ died or others after the Spirit's work of regeneration, saying that justification is listed **after** *'whom He called.'* And yet, a careful study of the context clearly shows that justification was accomplished at the cross for three reasons:

1.) The word used for **'called'** (*kalew*) is not referring here to the Spiritual calling of the Spirit of God to Christ but rather the naming of sinners in election according to God's predestinating grace. [Matthew 1:21-25](#) used the word in this way, **'thou shalt CALL His name Jesus.'** Therefore, the proper order of the sinner's justification (legal acquittal from all guilt and declared righteous) is following his predestination and election (or naming) in the Lamb's Book of Life.

2.) Therefore, the context of [Romans 8:30](#) shows that the sinner's full, complete and final justification before God was accomplished when Christ died at Calvary, not before or after. Look at [verses 31-34](#), it couldn't be plainer! ***"He spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth!"*** How? When? See **v. 34: *"It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."***

3.) In the same context we know that those whom God the Father predestined and called (or named) in their election, He not only justified when Christ died but glorified them as well. The redeemed indeed await their final glorification and deliverance from the presence of sin, yet, it may just as truly be stated that they are now glorified in their standing before God, being seated with Christ their representative Who was glorified by the Father when He rose and ascended on high: [John 13:31](#), [John 17:10](#).

What a glorious order of salvation, giving God and His Christ ALL the Glory!

Ken Wimer

Our Spiritual Citizenship

Fellow citizens with the saints. [Eph. 2:19](#)

***Ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven,
and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. [Heb. 12:22-23](#)***

***These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off,
and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers
and pilgrims on the earth. [Heb. 11:13](#)***

Our conversation (Gr. citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour,

the LORD Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. [Phil. 3:20-21](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

A Balm in Gilead

**“Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?” [\(Jer. 8:22\)](#)**

There is a Balm in Gilead and there is a Physician there. He is and must ever be, our only Hope. If there were no Balm in Gilead, what could we do but lie down in despair and die? For our sins are so great, our backslidings so repeated, our minds so dark, our hearts so hard, our affection so cold, our souls so wavering and wandering, that if there were no Balm in Gilead, no precious blood, no sweet promises, no Sovereign Grace, no Physician there, no Risen Jesus, no Great High Priest over the House of God, what well-grounded hope could we entertain? Not a ray! Our own obedience and consistency, these are a bed too short and a covering too narrow. But when there is some application of the Balm in Gilead, it softens, melts, humbles and at the same time thoroughly heals. Nay, this Balm strengthens every nerve and sinew, heals blindness, remedies deafness, cures paralysis, makes the lame man leap as a hart and the tongue of the dumb to sing and thus produces Gospel sight, Gospel hearing, Gospel strength, and Gospel walk. When the spirit is melted and the heart touched by a sense of God’s goodness, mercy and love to such base, undeserving wretches that it produces Gospel obedience, aye, a humble obedience; not that proud obedience which those manifest who are trusting to their own goodness and seeking to scale the battlements of Heaven by the ladder of self-righteousness but an obedience of gratitude, love, and submission, willingly and cheerfully rendered and therefore acceptable to God because it flows from His Own Spirit of Grace.

J. C. Philpot