

# Shreveport Grace Church

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

### SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

**Choruses from Chorus Book**

**Scripture Reading:** [Psalm 52](#) (Robert)

**Call to Worship:** 'Jesus, Shepherd of Thy People'

**Scripture Reading:** [1 John 2](#) (Bob)

**Hymn # 117-** 'He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions'

**Scripture Reading:** [Hebrews 5](#) (David)

**Message-** 'Christ's Prayer for His Own' [John 17:6-10](#)

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

[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 # 291- 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah')

Jesus, Shepherd of Thy people,  
Lead us through this desert land.  
We are weak and poor and feeble,  
Yet we trust Thy mighty hand.  
Great Protector! Great Protector!  
By Thy pow'r alone we stand. *[Repeat]*

All Thy sheep shall come to Zion,  
With them Thou wilt never part.  
Beasts of prey, nor roaring lion,  
None shall pluck them from Thy heart.  
All Thy chosen, All Thy chosen,  
Cost Thee wounds and blood and smart. *[Repeat]*

In Thy bosom safely lodged,  
Thine shall rest from danger free.  
They shall never more be judged,  
Nor shall condemnation see.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Let us thus rejoice in Thee. *[Repeat]*

## The Near Kinsman and Beloved Brother

How highly favored are the people of God's covenant mercy, since His exalted and glorified Son calls them: *My brethren!* **"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!"** ([1 John 3:1](#)) While this sonship embraces sinful people of the Jews and Gentiles alike, it is in the sonship of the Son of Man and in His holy life and Divine nature; for the sinless Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of God and **in His life and righteousness only are we the sons of the Father Who is Holy.** That the people whom the Father gave Him in the perfect covenant should be made the holy people, the Holy Son of God came to them in the flesh and under the law ([Galatians 4:4](#)) and thus is He their Near Kinsman and Beloved Brother and in Him was the right of redemption. The noble and compassionate Boaz, the near kinsman of the widowed and impoverished Naomi, who represented the state of the Jews and as betrothing Ruth unto himself, as representing the Gentiles, thus redeemed them both and made them rich, in which he is a beautiful type of our Spiritual Kinsman, of whom Paul says: **"For ye know the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."** ([2 Cor. 8:9](#))

D. Bartley

### Grace Greater than All Our Sin

*"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon,  
and of Barak, and of Samson..."*

([Hebrews 11:32](#))

If Samson's name was not recorded in the list of the Old Testament saints as one of the LORD's chosen ones, would we even consider him so? He loved a harlot and was so committed to her that he brought on himself the most dreadful evils, even death. What can we learn from this?

1). **God's Grace reigns!** Is this an example of sinning that Grace may abound? God forbid, ([Romans 6:1-2](#)). Yet, the fact is that **"Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our LORD."** ([Romans 5:21](#)) Although Samson lived before the LORD Jesus Christ came to this earth to live and die for his sin yet God was forbearing with him ([Romans 3:25](#)) not imputing his sin to him ([Psalm 32:2](#)) but purposed that all his sins be laid on the LORD Jesus Christ when He would come and bear them all away and justify him in His death on the tree, ([Hebrews 9:15](#)). Therefore, God the Father was just in declaring him righteous and granting him eternal life by Jesus Christ when He died on the cross, just as was done for any and all of the LORD's children (one place, one time, one sacrifice: free, final and forever). It is only by Christ's obedience unto death that sins were forgiven and the elect of God justified, ([Romans 5:19](#)).

2). **God did not punish Samson for his sin but certainly chastened him by his sin.** God never abandons any of His children but according to His will and purpose He may hide Himself so that they may sense the darkness of their sinful state without the Light of His presence thereby causing them, in His time and by His Spirit, to seek after Him in their need. Where God has done a work of His Grace in our hearts, there is a consciousness of our sinfulness by the Spirit of God. But there are times and seasons, purposed by God whereby the LORD may hide Himself and the greatest chastening we may have is as recorded in [Judges 16:20](#), ***“He wist not that the LORD was departed from him.”*** The LORD had not completely given him over as with reprobates but for a season, left him to himself to humble him and cause him to cry out to Him for mercy once again, [Psalm 143:7](#). As one writer stated, *“No sweet communion with his Dear LORD as heretofore. No precious assistance from the Spirit. No inward testimonies of His love and gentle whispers of peace to his soul...He goes from ordinance to ordinance but he finds not his LORD in them. All is a dry formality, dreary and uncomfortable.”*

3). **The LORD caused Samson’s heart to return unto Him once again.** Just as with any of the LORD’s beloved, chosen and redeemed ones, the LORD does bring them, again and again, to cry out to Him for Mercy. ***“Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O LORD God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee.”*** ([Judges 16:28](#)) Was this not the thief’s prayer on the cross? Was not Mercy granted because of Christ’s work alone?

Ken Wimer

## Jesus Christ the Effectual Redeemer

**J**esus Christ the righteous: the propitiation for our sins. [1 John 2:1-2](#)

***Toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.***

***And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark;***

***and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.***

***I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat.*** [Exo. 25:22](#)

***Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; mercy and truth are met together;***

***righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*** [Psa. 85:9-10](#)

***If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O LORD, who shall stand?***

***But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.***

***Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.***

***And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*** [Psa. 130](#)

***All have sinned and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:***

***whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood,***

***to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins.*** [Rom. 3:23-25](#)

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

## **By the Obedience of One**

**M**y soul, no obedience of thine, before faith in Christ, can make thee righteous! Obedience after faith doth not make thee righteous. So then thou art made righteous by the one obedience of Christ. Settle this matter well in thy conscience. The glory of thy God and the comfort of thy soul spring from it, for:

1.) It is positively asserted: *“By the obedience of One, or the one obedience of Christ, shall many be made righteous.”* The Faith of God’s elect takes the comfort of this and will love Christ, live upon His righteousness and give Him the glory of it.

But:

2.) Who are made righteous by Christ’s one obedience? **Many:** the many sons whom Christ shall bring to glory, [Hebrews 2:10](#). Even all who see themselves miserable sinners and believe in Christ as their righteousness. What a glorious way is this of making sinners righteous! It secures all the glory to Christ. It keeps the sinner humble before Him, dependent on Him and prevents all self-righteous boasting. It gives a poor sinner the greatest boldness with the access of confidence to God. It inspires warm love for Christ and cheerful obedience in God-given Faith.

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