

# 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 65](#) (Robert)

**Call to Worship:** 'I Sing My Savior's Wondrous Death'

**Scripture Reading:** [Romans 3](#) (Bob)

**Hymn # 17-** 'Come, Thou Fount'

**Scripture Reading:** [2 Corinthians 5](#) (David)

**Message-** 'The Old and the New'

**Hymn # 118-** 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

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

sing my Savior's wondrous death.  
He conquered death and hell,  
'Tis finished! said His dying breath,  
And shook the gates of hell.

'Tis finished,' our Immanuel cries.  
The dreadful work is done.  
Hence shall His sovereign throne arise.  
His kingdom is begun.

His cross a Sure Foundation laid,  
For glory and renown.  
When through the regions of the dead,  
He passed to reach the crown.

Exalted at His Father's side,  
Sits our victorious LORD.  
To Heaven and hell His hands divide,  
The vengeance or reward.

The saints from His propitious eye,  
Await the Sovereign Son.  
And all the sons of darkness flee,  
The terror of His frown.

## Jesus Christ Our Chief Object of Desire

Jesus Christ, to a fallen sinner, is the Chief Object of desire but Jesus Christ, as crucified, is the Chief Piece of that object. Humbled souls look after the Remedy and they find it chiefly in Christ Crucified hence are so many cries, after bathings in Christ's blood and hiding in Him as their only righteousness.

Indeed nothing doth so cool and refresh a parched, dry and thirsty soul as the blood of Jesus, which made one poor woman cry out so earnestly, 'I have a husband and children, and many other comforts but I would give them all and all the good things that ever I shall see in this world or in the world to come, to have my poor thirsty soul refreshed with that precious blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.'

Isaac Ambrose

## The LORD My Righteousness and Strength

*"In the LORD have I righteousness and strength."*

[\(Isaiah 45:24\)](#)

There was a time when in spiritually blind ignorance, I endeavored to work out a righteousness, well pleasing to God, all the while claiming that salvation was by Grace alone, [Romans 10:2-3](#). I rationalized such foolish thinking by declaring that the death of Christ dealt with sins past but with the Spirit's help, I had to deal with my present and future sins myself and attempt to overcome them by what I had believed were 'means of Grace.' With such endeavors and God's help, I thought I could overcome this sinful flesh and over time sin less and less.

However, when it pleased God to begin His good work in me, I am now persuaded that there is NOTHING in me that can be counted for righteousness, for *"...in me, (that is in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing."* [\(Romans 7:18\)](#) Having been redeemed and justified by Christ's precious blood, I say with the apostle Paul, *"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."*

The Glorious, Joyful Truth in which we as the LORD's people delight, when taught by the Spirit of God, is that although poor, destitute and having no righteousness of our own, we find a righteousness and strength in Him and His finished work already accomplished for us at the cross. What we are as sinners by nature and practice, our LORD took on Himself and by imputation, the debt and guilt of our sin was completely put away. Simultaneously, His righteous obedience was imputed to our Spiritual account upon completion of His work at Calvary, [2 Corinthians 5:21](#). Taught by the Holy Spirit, we continue to confess that in us, we have NO ability, NO strength and NO righteousness in ourselves but in the LORD Jesus, we have a sure, immutable righteousness, answerable to God's righteousness and holiness in every way.

Our assurance against every accusation of the enemy is: **in the LORD Jesus I have righteousness.** He conquered sin, Satan, the flesh and the world so that we may boldly say: **In the LORD Jesus I have strength.** There is everything in this flesh to condemn us. Yet, Glorious Truth!

There is everything in the LORD Jesus and His finished work to justify us fully, freely and forever. We are therefore accepted in the Beloved, [\[Ephesians 1:6\]](#) and complete in Him, [Colossians 2:10](#).

Ken Wimer

## Running the Race that is Set Before Us

**T**his one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind...  
I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. [Phil 3:13-14](#)

*Father, I will that they...whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am;  
that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me. [John 17:24](#)*

*I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep  
that which I have committed unto him against that day. [2 Tim. 1:12](#)*

*He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. [Phil. 1:6](#)*

*Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?  
So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.  
Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. [1 Cor. 9:24-25](#)*

*Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us,  
and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. [Heb 12:1-2](#)*

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

## Redemption

*“In whom we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”*

[\(Ephesians 1:7\)](#)

The elect were not self-redeemed nor were we redeemed by will/works nor by truth itself but by blood itself. As Israel was redeemed from Egypt, as Hosea redeemed Gomer, as a slave was redeemed out of the slave market, God redeemed His elect by the price of Christ's blood. All redemption has these characteristics:

- 1.) The object can do nothing to redeem himself, [Psalm 49:8](#).
- 2.) When the redemption is paid, the object is redeemed and justified before God, [Romans 3:24](#).
- 3.) When Christ paid the ransom price with His own blood, the work of salvation was complete for the elect, [Hebrews 9:12](#).

*T. David Simpson*