

# Shreveport Grace Church

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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 119:49-56](#) (Bob)

**Call to Worship:** 'Tis Not I Did Choose Thee'

**Scripture Reading:** [Acts 13](#) (Robert)

**Hymn # 20-** 'We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer'

**Scripture Reading:** [Romans 11:11-24](#) (David)

**Message:** 'The Goodness and Severity of God'

**Hymn # 40-** 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

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

### 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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**9:00 KWKH AM Radio 1130, Shreveport, LA area or LIVE streaming @ <http://1130thetiger.com/listen-live>**

## Call to Worship

(Tune # 186- 'The Church's One Foundation')

**T**is not that I did choose Thee, for LORD, that could not be.  
This heart would still refuse Thee, hadst Thou not chosen me.  
Thou from the sin that stained me, has cleansed and set me free.  
Of old Thou has ordained me, that I should live to Thee.

Your love had no beginning, no cause in me was found.  
That You should choose to save me, a sinner strongly bound.  
But Grace not earned or sought for, was purposed for my soul.  
For me, salvation wrought, for Christ paid the dreadful toll.

'Twas Sovereign Mercy called me and taught my opening mind.  
The world had else enthralled me, to Heav'nly glories blind.  
My heart owns none before Thee, for Thy Rich Grace I thirst.  
This knowing: if I loved Thee, Thou must have loved me first.

## God Made Choice Among Us

*"Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel and believe." [\(Acts 15:7\)](#)*

**S**alvation isn't by a man's but God's 'choice'. The apostle Peter spoke these weighty words to the Jerusalem Council, composed principally of Jews who confessed Christ. Being a Gentile, I put great stock in this statement. Consider what God has ordained:

**The Gospel is to be preached “by my mouth”:** The Gospel declares on behalf of God’s elect that guilt resulting from sin imputed in connection with the first Adam and actual sins committed in life, have been put away exclusively through the obedience of Christ unto death. Christ earned righteousness; God imputed righteousness. That’s justification. Being Just and Justifier, God could do no other than gladly declare His elect justified by, through and in connection with Christ’s finished work at the cross. That’s Good News!

**The Gospel is to be heard: “hear the Word”:** Paul wrote: *“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.”* ([Ephesians 1:13](#)) The Holy Spirit awakens and calls the elect to repentance from dead works and the acknowledging of the Truth, [Hebrews 6:1](#); [2 Timothy 2:25](#). The preaching and hearing of the Gospel is as much a part of God’s will as His election.

**The Gospel to be believed: “and believe”:** Gospel-believing faith is God-given faith. It isn’t the condition for forgiveness or justification but the window by which the awakened and enlightened soul sees, knows and rests in the glorious person and finished work of Christ. Faith is the fruit of Spiritual awakening. God will not fail to draw to Himself all whom He chose before the world’s foundation and whom Christ redeemed at the cross.

David Simpson

## The Garments of Salvation

*“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments,  
and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.”*

[\(Isaiah 61:10\)](#)

**W**hy does the Scripture refer to ‘garments’ of salvation (plural) vs. THE ROBE of righteousness (singular)? Salvation as outlined in Scripture has many facets and therefore may be described as different layers of garments, much like many in Eastern countries wear layers of clothing. The garments of salvation, or salvation as garments, ALL pertain to the salvation of Christ being wrought out by Christ and is brought near and revealed by the Spirit of Christ. Such salvation was purposed before the foundation of the world, accomplished at the cross, revealed by the Spirit in regeneration and will be fully realized in the final glorification of all of God’s children when clothed in immortality, [2 Corinthians 5:2](#).

Regarding the robe of righteousness however, it is clear that there is only ONE among the other garments of salvation and it is imputed. It is not righteousness within the saved sinner but one put on the saved sinner, by the Free Grace of God, in the death of the LORD Jesus. Among all of God's creatures, humans are the only ones who do not have garments as coverings that they grow naturally for protection. Birds produce feathers and dogs grow their winter coats but humans must be clothed from the outside, particularly for hazardous situations such as fires, bombs, or living in space. Nonetheless, these all pale compared to what the sinner needs to face a Holy God. Clearly, not just any robe will do. It must not only cover our nakedness [\[Hebrews 4:13-14\]](#) but as the verse indicates it must adorn us in such a way as to make us beautiful as a bride in the eyes of a Holy God. This is the righteousness of God, which our LORD Jesus established in His obedience unto death and God the Father approved and reckoned, once for all, to His elect, [\[Isaiah 51:5-8\]](#). This is not any righteousness that we produce nor is it put within us but ON us. The Faith that the Spirit gives causes us to look to Christ alone and submit to that righteousness alone: that is Christ's obedience unto death, [Romans 10:1-4](#).

If we are ever taught of God and given eyes to behold the Son we'll shuck our own rags of self-righteousness and thoughts of any inner, inherent or imparted perfection, as quickly as He causes us to see the glory and beauty of God's imputed righteousness alone in His death upon the cross. Like the demoniac of the Gadarenes was accustomed to running in the hills and dwelling in the caves yet when Christ crossed his path He brought him to bow and worship. When the people came and found him, he was seated at Christ's feet, fully clothed (with a garment given him by Christ) and in his right mind. [Luke 8:35](#). NOTHING illustrates the redeemed and called sinner's position or privilege better. Glory to His name!

*Ken Wimer*

## Jesus Christ the Resurrection and the Life

**C**hrist the firstfruits. [1 Cor. 15:23](#)

***Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. [John 12:24](#)***

***If the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. [Rom. 11:16](#)***

***Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. [1 Cor. 15:20](#)***

***If we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. [Rom. 6:5](#)***

***The LORD Jesus Christ...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](#)***

***The firstborn from the dead. [Col. 1:18](#)***

***If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. [Rom. 8:11](#)***

***I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. [John 11:25](#)***

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

### **Salvation is of the LORD**

***“Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”***

***[\(2 Timothy 1:9\)](#)***

It is the believer's blessedness that each glorious person in the Godhead has a glorious hand in his salvation. God the Father saved, chose, sanctified [or set him apart] in Christ before the world was. God the Son took humanity into union to His personal Godhead and thus became incarnate, lived a holy life, suffered, bled, died a solemn death, rose again from the dead, ascended on high, having led captivity captive and is now exalted at the right hand of the Father, ever living to make intercession for him. Thus Christ has meritoriously saved the elect by His life, obedience, death, resurrection, exaltation and intercession. As it is written: He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" God? No! For 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. Thus the Blessed Redeemer was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification and bless His precious name, He has been the destruction of death, hell and sin. The Gloriously Blessed God-Man Mediator gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. So that, before the world was, the church was saved purposedly by God the Father and in time, meritoriously by the God-Man Mediator Who now lives above to make intercession for them, and in the day of God's power, they are saved manifestively and vitally by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.

*William Gadsby 1733-1844*