

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 81](#) (*Robert*)

Call to Worship: 'In Thy Great Name, O LORD, We Come'

Scripture Reading: [1 Corinthians 1](#) (*Bob*)

Hymn # 176- 'Break Thou the Bread of Life'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 1:7-17](#) (*David*)

Message: 'Called to be Saints'

Hymn # 205- 'Once for All!'

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

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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 # 414- 'Am I a Soldier of the Cross?')

In Thy great name, O LORD, we come,
To worship at Thy feet.
O, pour Thy Holy Spirit down,
On all that now shall meet.

We come to hear Jehovah speak,
To hear the Savior's Voice.
Thy face and favor, LORD, we seek,
Now make our hearts rejoice.

Teach us to pray, to praise and hear,
And understand Thy Word.
To feel Thy gracious presence near,
And trust our Living LORD.

This house with Grace and Glory fill,
This congregation bless.
Thy Great Salvation now reveal,
Thy Glorious Righteousness.

The Freeness of God's Grace in Christ

Let us adore the freeness of God's Mercy and the sovereignty of His Grace. God's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways our ways. **Man** has generally some reason for conferring his favors; some claim arising from person or pedigree, from character or attainments. But **God's** sole motive in conferring favors is His own free and gracious purpose: ***"It is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy."*** ([Romans 9:16](#)) He takes a **Manasseh**, filling Jerusalem with blood and makes him a monument of forgiveness. He takes a **Saul** breathing out his blasphemies and converts him into the great apostle. He takes a **crude heathen jailer** or an **unprincipled tax-gatherer** of Jericho or a **profligate**

woman of Capernaum or a **felon in his dying agonies**, while many encircled with the halo of natural virtues or with the prestige of religious education and training are left to perish in their ungodliness and unbelief and pride!

How is it that I am made to differ? How is it that that tale of misery and ruin; that which, in the case of others has broken a parent's heart and sent him sobbing and halting to the grave; how is it that I have escaped these dread temptations while others have broken loose with a worse than maniac's madness, I am this day sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in my right mind?

**Not unto me, O God! Not unto me!
But unto Your name be all the glory!**

John MacDuff, 1877

Sinners Declared Righteous Before God

***“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin;
that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”***

[\(2 Corinthians 5:21\)](#)

The Gospel is a mystery! Apart from the Spirit of God revealing Christ of the Gospel in our hearts, none of us could or would know how sinners could stand just before a Holy God. Our depraved minds and hearts would lead us to believe that we must somehow work out that righteousness ourselves, [Romans 10:2-3](#).

If God will give us ears to hear and eyes to see, what a Glorious Truth to learn that the matter of sin and righteousness was settled by the very Son of God on behalf of His people at the cross. How blessed are those in whom God reveals THIS TRUTH of His complete justifying of them in what Christ accomplished by His life and death! So absolute is the work of imputation at the cross that ALL those that Christ redeemed have ALL been already pronounced righteous by the Eternal Judge. There is no sin laid to their charge because it was ALL laid on Him as the sin-Bearer. There is complete righteousness before God's law because He worked it out and the Father imputed it to their account. True, their sins were infinite and abominable! Yet before God, they were purged away by the precious blood shed unto death of the LORD Jesus, [Hebrews 1:3](#).

It was on the cross that Jesus Christ satisfied the justice of God and based upon His finished work, all His elect were declared just and righteous. So complete was the work of the LORD Jesus in earning and establishing God's righteous law and justice that there remains no more sin to charge to any of His elect. All of God's righteousness imputed to them at the cross is ALL their righteousness before Him. What a comfort for those for whom HE accomplished the work.

The LORD Jesus was made sin for the elect. This does not mean that sin was infused in Him or in any sense made a sinner but rather sin was laid ON Him by God the Father, [Isaiah 53:6](#). The same is true concerning the imputation of His righteousness. It is not infused into the sinner but charged to his account, whereby God declares such a one righteous before Him. As that sin for which Christ was condemned and punished was not found in Him but charged to Him, so that righteousness by which we are justified and entitled to glory is NOT inherent in us but has been imputed to us. All to whom that righteousness was imputed, the Spirit will, in time draw to the LORD Jesus and cause to rejoice in Him and His finished work, repenting of any notion of contributing anything to it themselves, [Colossians. 2:13-14](#).

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Sinners Drawn to the LORD Jesus

Draw me, we will run after thee. [Song 1:4](#)

I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. [Jer. 31:3](#)

I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love. [Hos. 11:4](#)

I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. [John 12:32](#)

Behold the Lamb of God! [John 1:36](#)

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. [John 3:14-15](#)

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. [Psa. 73:25](#)

We love him, because he first loved us. [1 John 4:19](#)

*My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.* [Song 2:10-13](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

The Consumed Sacrifice

“Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice...”

[\(1 Kings 18:38\)](#)

There was a day appointed by God Himself that He ordained to make His power, presence and will known. On this day He would display His power to the people in Elijah's day because of their double-mindedness. According to HIS WORD, the answer was to be made by fire. Fruitlessly the false prophets of Baal had called on a god that could not answer. Vain repetitions, much activity and even self-infliction were to no avail.

On the same day, Elijah prayed that GOD would reveal Himself alone to be GOD. His appeal to the LORD was made by way of a blood sacrifice ordained and accepted by GOD. The false prophets had a sacrifice but not one approved by GOD. The lesson is that the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ is the Only Sacrifice that has put away sin for those that GOD chose unto salvation. Just as for Elijah's when the fire from Heaven consumed the bullock, the wood, the altar, the dust and licked up the water poured upon the sacrifice, so for the LORD Jesus when GOD poured out on Him the fire of His justice. Every part of that sacrifice pictured our blessed LORD Jesus in Whom the wrath of GOD was completely consumed for the elect. Finished is the wrath of God toward those for whom Christ died. Finished is the work that He accomplished, thereby earning a righteousness imputed to His own and finished is the sting of death and victory of the grave to those He has loved with an Everlasting Love.

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