

Shreveport Grace Church

2970 Baird Road · Shreveport, LA 71118
Tel: 318.687.4943 | Mob: 318.834.4395 | Fax: 318. 318.671.4434
pastor@shreveGrace.org www.shreveGrace.org
SCRIPTURE ALONE · GRACE ALONE · CHRIST ALONE
April 3, 2022

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 26](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'LORD We've Met to Worship Thee'

Scripture Reading: [Acts 4](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 480- 'In Tenderness He Sought Me'

Scripture Reading: [John 12:25-26](#) (David)

Message- 'Serving and Following Christ'

Hymn # 294- 'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us'

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in the book of Nehemiah

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)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Ken Wimer, Pastor ☎ (318) 687-4943

PO Box 5028, Shreveport, LA 71135

E-mail: pastor@shreveGrace.org

[Audio Messages Available 24/7 On-Line](#)

www.shreveGrace.org and www.sermonaudio.com/shreveportGracech

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 # 15- 'Brethren, We Have Met to Worship')

LORD, we've met to see Thy beauty,
And to worship at Thy feet.
May we ask to see more clearly,
Grace and Glory, rich and sweet.

Tell us more of Christ our Savior,
In Him all Thy people bless.
Let us dwell with Thee forever,
In the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Christ our Light and our Salvation,
God is just to justify.
By His merits we're forgiven,
"God is gracious," is our cry.

Confidence in God our Savior,
Free to serve and worship now.
We shall reign with Christ in glory,
At the throne of Grace we bow.

The Church Gathered to Christ

*"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the
gathering of the people be."*

[\(Genesis 49:10\)](#)

The church are the people gathered to the Great Shiloh (Christ). The church, then, are all who are stones gathered built on Christ as the Foundation—all who are clients gathered to the Great Advocate, patients gathered to the Good Physician; thirsty ones gathered to the Open Fountain ; hungry ones gathered to the Bread of Life ; wanderers gathered into the Way to the Father; naked ones gathered to the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, willing ones gathered to the Standard of the Captain of Salvation. In a word, they are the church to whom Jesus is the Only Center, who encamp in company with the True Israel of God, around Jesus as their Tabernacle, their Place of dealing with God and who receive from Jesus strength to battle with sin, self and the world and to follow the guidance of the Pillar of Cloud through the wilderness of life. This is the church which Jesus will present to Himself—“...**a glorious church, not having spot nor wrinkle, nor any such thing.**” ([Ephesians 5:27](#))

Septimus Sears (1844-1903)

Godly Living

***“Teaching us, that, denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts,
we should live soberly, righteously, and godly,
in this present world.”***

([Titus 2:12](#))

We often hear some speaking of others as being such Godly people. The question is, ‘Who is truly Godly or what is Godly living according to God’s Word’?

1. What Godly living isn’t. We know that it does not mean sinless living or even ‘sinning-less’ living. The apostle Paul declared in [Romans 7:18](#), ***“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.”*** Our depraved flesh cannot ever be sinless nor can it be anything less than sinful. The apostle John stated in [1 John 1:8](#), ***“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”***

2. What Godly living is. There are four elements to consider. The first put negatively is described as ***‘denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts.’*** This is clearly the work of the Spirit in God’s chosen, redeemed children that causes them to stand against anything that opposes God’s glory and honor (Godliness), Anything or anyone that contradicts God’s revelation of Himself in His Word and the glory that He has purposed to honor and exalt His Son exclusively, is to be renounced. Positively, the other three elements of godly living are to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present evil world. In

these three terms we have all that describes the Grace of God in His children and how they are distinguished from the rest of the condemned (ungodly) world, [Jude 1:15](#).

The first, “**soberly**,” means living by the wisdom of God in Christ, “**...wise as serpents and harmless as doves.**” ([Matthew 10:16](#)) It means that, by the Grace of God, we exercise restraint in our passions and propensities toward anything other than the glory of Christ alone, [Titus 2:2-4](#).

The second, “**righteously**” means to live to the honor and glory of God’s justice satisfied in the death of the LORD Jesus alone. We have no other righteousness than that nor do we acknowledge any other but Him, as children of Grace who have no justice of their own but glorify the righteousness of God imputed to them at the cross.

The third, “**Godly**”, being ever mindful that our only ‘Godlikeness’ is in Christ alone as our hope of eternal life through the redemption by His blood, [Titus 2:13-14](#). Godly living is to live wholly under God’s Grace, by His free and unmerited favor in Christ. Nothing we do entitles us to God’s favor but everything we do is by His free grace in Christ alone, having been perfectly reconciled to God the Father by His death and thereby declared Godly (God-like) by imputed righteousness, [Romans 5:10](#). This Grace of God not only affects how we deal with others in this world, but how we live before God, acknowledging Him in thought, word, and deed, to the glory of His Son alone!

Ken Wimer

Drawing Near to God

It is good for me to draw near to God. [Psa. 73:28](#)

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. [Psa. 65:4](#)

The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. [Lam. 3:25](#)

Therefore will the LORD wait that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him. [Isa. 30:18](#)

***Having therefore, brethren,
boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us...
let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. [Heb. 10:19-22](#)***

Daily Light on the Daily Path

What a Mystery We Are!

“I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.”

[\(Romans 7:21\)](#)

Are you not often a mystery to yourself? Warm one moment—cold the next!

Abasing yourself one hour—exalting yourself the following! Loving the world, full of it, steeped up to your head in it today—crying, groaning and sighing for a sweet manifestation of the love of God tomorrow! Brought down to nothingness, covered with shame and confusion, on your knees before you leave your room—filled with pride and self-importance before you have got downstairs! Despising the world and willing to give it all up for one taste of the love of Jesus when in solitude—trying to grasp it with both hands when in business!

Touched by love—and stung with hatred! Possessing a little wisdom—and a great deal of folly! Earthly minded—and yet having the affections in Heaven! Pressing forward—and lagging behind! Full of sloth—and yet taking the Kingdom with violence! And thus the Spirit, by a process which we may feel but cannot adequately describe—leads us into the mystery of the two natures perpetually struggling and striving against each other in the same bosom. So that one man cannot more differ from another than the same man differs from himself.

But the mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven is this: that our carnal mind undergoes no alteration but maintains a perpetual war with Grace. And thus, the deeper we sink in self-abasement under a sense of our vileness, the higher we rise in a knowledge of Christ and the blacker we are in our own view—the more lovely does Jesus appear.

J.C. Philpot