

# 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 119:121-128](#) (Bob)

**Call to Worship:** 'I Turn for Refuge LORD to Thee'

**Scripture Reading:** [Galatians 5](#) (Robert)

**Hymn # 52-** 'Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned'

**Scripture Reading:** [Romans 14:1-12](#) (David)

**Message:** 'Living in Harmony'

**Hymn # 127-** 'Hallelujah, What a Savior!'

## 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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**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: 'Doxology')

**S**tranger and pilgrim here below,  
I turn for refuge LORD to Thee.  
Thou know'st my every want and woe;  
Oh, smite my foes and rescue me!

Thy name is Love; for that name's sake,  
Sustain and cheer my sinking soul.  
Low as I am and poor and weak,  
One Word of Thine can make me whole.

Help, LORD! Let all my foes perceive,  
'Tis Thine to comfort or condemn.  
With Thee to bless me and relieve,  
I little heed reproach from men.

Arise then, on my soul arise,  
Thy sheltering wings around me cast.  
And all that now afflicts or tries,  
Shall work my peace, O LORD, at last.

## Righteousness Without Works

***“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works.”*** ([Romans 4:6](#))

This righteousness, which is here said to be without works, is the obedience of Jesus Christ which is the justifying righteousness of a sinner and is so complete in itself that nothing can be added to it to make it more so. All the works of the creature since the fall are imperfect and therefore utterly unfit to be its justifying righteousness before God, either in whole or in part. It is impossible that an imperfect obedience can make the person that performs it perfectly righteous and such is the infinite purity of God's nature and the strictness of His justice, that He can accept nothing for righteousness that is not perfectly conformed to the rule of it in His holy law. Therefore, our own obedience cannot be the whole of our righteousness before God. Nor can it be any part of it because that which is wholly imperfect can be no part of perfection.

*Joseph Hart, 1712-1768*

## What If?

Have you ever considered two 'what ifs' recorded in the Bible?

1.) ***“For **WHAT IF** some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?”*** ([Romans 3:3](#)) The majority of Israel of old fell in the desert in unbelief. Did their unbelief thwart the truth or will of God? No! God is sovereign even in an unbelieving world, saving whom He will by the death of His Son, leaving the rest to live in their unbelief and ultimately bringing them into judgment. His will is that ALL whom He has chosen, redeemed and justified by His Son should be called from unbelief to faith in His Son, resting in His work accomplished for them, [John 6:39](#). What a merciful God He is! They have been redeemed and justified unto life, [Romans 5:21](#).

Many say that Christ died for every sin of every sinner except for unbelief and for that reason, many for whom He died are therefore condemned. Is the unbelief of sinners stronger than God's purpose to save and Christ's death to redeem and justify? God forbid. Shall unbelief disannul the Faith of God? His faithful promises made to Abraham and his seed, especially of sending His Beloved Son into the world, can He not effect the redemption of those He came to save? Can unbelief destroy God's faithfulness and the efficacy of Christ's blood shed unto death to prevent Him from fulfilling His promise to save everyone for whom He died? If any remain in unbelief we may rightly conclude that God never promised them salvation and Christ never paid their sin debt, or else God would faithfully draw them by His Spirit of Grace to Christ, [Romans 8:35-39](#).

2.) ***“WHAT IF God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory.”*** ([Romans 9:22-23](#)) There are vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy. Any who are vessels of mercy, it is only by God's free and matchless Grace because of the LORD Jesus Christ and His death in their place. He is a just God and Savior!

There is no tension or discrepancy between God's willingness to save those He has purposed to save and those who continue in unbelief. These verses reflect God's sovereignty over all His creatures to save whom He wills and condemn whom He wills. It says that in His sovereignty God is exercising patience even toward the vessels of wrath, not immediately executing His eternal judgment on them until He has finished drawing to His Son those that He has made as vessels of mercy. Herein we see both the mercy and the judgment of God.

*Ken Wimer*

## Oneness in Christ

**T**he unity of the Spirit. [Eph. 4:3](#)

***There is one body, and one Spirit.*** [Eph. 4:4](#)

***Through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.***

***Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the LORD: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*** [Eph. 2:18-22](#)

***Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments.*** [Psa. 133:1-2](#)

***Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. [1 Pet. 1:22](#)***

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

## Christ Made Sin

Now, as justifying righteousness is not inherent in us but imputed to us; so our condemning sin was not inherent in Christ but imputed to Him. There would else [otherwise] be no consistency in the antithesis: ***“He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin.”*** ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)) He knew no sin yet He became sin. It seems to carry it [the idea] further than only the bearing [of] the punishment of sin. He was by law charged in our stead with the guilt of sin. Our iniquities were laid upon Him, [Isaiah 53:5-6](#). The prophet had spoken in verse 5 of Christ bearing the chastisement of our peace, the punishment of our sin and then seems to declare the ground of that, which consisted in God's imputation of sin to Him in laying upon Him the iniquities of us all. What iniquities? Our goings astray, our turnings everyone to his way. He made Him to be that sin which He knew not but He knew the punishment of sin. The knowledge of that was the end of His coming. He came to lay down His life as a ransom for many. He knew not sin by an experiential inherency [something in His nature] but He knew it by judicial imputation. He knew it not regarding the spots but He knew it regarding the guilt following upon the judgment of God. He was righteous in His person but not in the sight of the law pronounced righteous as our Surety until after His sacrifice when He was taken from prison and judgment, [Isaiah 53:8](#). Till He had paid the debt, He was accounted as a debtor to God.

*Stephen Charnock*