Shreveport Grace Church

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: Psalm 35 (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'My Heart Upon Christ Jesus Rests'

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4 (Robert)

Hymn # 352- 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul'

Scripture Reading: <u>John 13:31-38</u> (*David*) Message- 'Loving as the LORD Jesus Loved'

Hymn # 488- 'My Redeemer'

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)

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

y heart upon Christ Jesus rests, Who else my soul could save? I trust upon the Holy One, Whom God the Father gave.

> He suffered awful agony, Upon the rugged tree. To satisfy a Holy God, He bled and died for me.

The precepts of God's holy law,
The Savior satisfied.
My countless sins were washed away,
When Jesus bled and died.

Through life and death and endless days, "Christ only" is my plea.
I know that He will keep me safe, Everlastingly.

Behold the Lamb of God

hen John the Baptist "...saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" (Matt. 3:7) To where, or better yet, to whom should we as sinners flee? John preached the only safety from God's wrath is in the glorious person and finished work of the Lamb of God, the LORD Jesus Christ, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

The LORD Jesus Christ is the One and Only Lamb of God Who by Himself took away the sins of all His people (God's elect) all over this world. In taking away their sins, He took away God's wrath against them. Now, "...flee from the wrath to come..." by fleeing to Him Who took upon Himself the whole wrath of God for His people.

Author Unknown

Christ Hath Made Us Free

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

(Galatians 5:1)

n English Gospel preacher in the 1800s wrote of having intervened in a situation where a young girl had been indentured to pay off debts that her poor parents could not afford to pay. She had been subjected to a very abusive taskmaster, so he intervened, paid off her debt and released her back to her parents.

This story reiterates in a small way our own helpless estate whereby we were sold into bondage because of the sin of our earthly father Adam, Romans 5:12. We lavished under the debt of our sin, condemned to a life of servitude, until the LORD Jesus Christ came into the world to satisfy God's law and justice in His life, death and resurrection, to free those sinners that His Father had given Him, Galatians 4:4-5. It was upon completion of His death at the cross that those He came to save were once for all, fully, freely, finally and forever justified (made free) from the yoke of bondage of their debt before God, Romans 5:9-11.

By law, a freeman is someone who possesses and enjoys all the civil and political rights belonging to the people under a free government. What a beautiful description of those that the LORD Jesus has made free (justified) and they now live in the liberty as free citizens in the Kingdom of Christ (His church of the elect, redeemed and called out sinners). As freed citizens, we are instructed to live as freed (justified) sinners. How so?

1.) "Stand fast, therefore" Be firm and unwavering against any pressures from men or even our own flesh to subjugate us to any rules, regulations or forms of religion that would in any way draw us away from the freedom of Grace that we enjoy in the finished work of the LORD Jesus Christ.

2.) "Be not entangled again" One commentator renders this as; 'wrap not yourselves again' as in becoming slaves again to any rites, customs or habits that men and religion impose on their adepts either for gaining or maintaining salvation. Our salvation is in Christ and His work accomplished before the Father. To return to the beggarly elements of the flesh to attempt to add to His work is to deny Him and His work and to declare His work to be vain, Galatians 2:21.

The *liberty* here is that freedom from the curse and condemnation of the law and from contribution, cooperation or condition required by the sinner. This is a liberty of the Grace of God in Christ, where we live by His Spirit, willingly and exclusively to glorify Him Who has made us free from the condemnation of the law, sin, Satan and the world. Where Christ has made free, we are free indeed, <u>John. 8:36</u>.

Ken Wimer

God's Only Mediator

here is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 2:5

Forasmuch...as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same. Heb. 2:14

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. <u>lsa. 45:22</u>

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 John 2:1

In Christ Jesus, ye who sometime were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace. Eph. 2:13- 14

By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. Heb. 9:12-15

He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Only a Sinner

nother month is come to a close; I have the same complaints to make as at the beginning. I have been chargeable with many sins of the heart and many also in word and action. I have made no progress in the ways of holiness and gained no advantage over the evil propensities of my heart. I have indeed formed many resolutions to walk more circumspectly, to be more constant and fervent in the private and public exercises of faith but I have failed in the performance and fallen into lukewarmness and indifference. I have been of but little use in my family, in the world, or in the church of God. My life has been one continued scene of imperfection and sin. If I had done all that the law of God requires, I should still have been 'an unprofitable servant.' What, then, shall I say of myself since I have come so very far short of its righteous demands in every particular? I am a sinner but blessed be God for Jesus Christ.

John Fawcett, Diary Entry (1739-1817)