

Shreveport Grace Church

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 44](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Behold the Glories of the Lamb'

Scripture Reading: [1 Thessalonians 2](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 256- 'It Is Well with My Soul'

Scripture Reading: [John 15:18-27](#) (David)

Message- 'Facing the Opposition of the World'

Hymn # 263- 'A Shelter in the Time of Storm'

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in the book of Esther

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

Behold the glories of the Lamb,
Amidst His Father's throne,
Prepare new honors for His name,
And songs before unknown.

Let elders worship at His feet,
The church adores around,
With vials full of odors sweet,
And harps of sweeter sound.

He shall fulfill Thy great decrees,
The Son deserves it well.
Lo! In His hands the sovereign keys,
Of Heaven and death and hell.

Now to the Lamb that once was slain,
Be endless blessings paid,
Salvation, glory, joy remain,
Forever on Thy head.

Thou hast redeemed our souls with blood,
Hast set the prisoners free,
Hast made us kings and priests to God,
And we do reign with Thee.

Christ the Believer's Refuge

will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety. [Psa. 4:8](#)

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust. [Psa. 91:5-4](#)

Even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings. [Matt. 23:37](#)

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. [Psa. 121:3-5](#)

I will abide in thy tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. [Psa. 61:4](#)

The darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. [Psa. 139:12](#)

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? [Rom. 8:32](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Saved and Called

*“Who hath saved us, and called us with an 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.”*

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

WHAT was given before the world began? God purposed to show grace to sinners He chose in Christ. But when did the actual saving occur? Was it In time or before the world began? [Matthew 1:21](#) says, “***Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He SHALL SAVE His people from their sins.***” The expression ‘***shall save***’ shows that the saving was yet future, contingent upon the LORD Jesus coming into the world to accomplish the Father’s salvation for His people. See also [Isaiah 53:11](#).

What God purposed before the world began, in the fulness of the time, He sent forth His Son, “***...made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law.***” ([Galatians 4:4-6](#)) He is the Word Who in the beginning was with God and was God [[John 1:1](#)] yet became flesh, [John 1:14](#). He as the God/Man came and worked out the salvation of His people. He earned and established the righteousness required by God’s law and justice in His life, then laid down His life to pay the penalty for sin because without shedding of blood is no remission, [Heb. 9:22](#). The great mystery of godliness is that God was manifest in the flesh, [1 Timothy 3:16](#). So complete then is the work that He accomplished, that God the Father has now, once and forever justly declared justified, forgiven and reconciled all for whom Christ died, [Colossians 1:21-22](#). This is a glorious comfort to poor, wretched sinners when God reveals Christ in them by His Spirit, [Galatians 1:15-16](#).

The saving then was purposed before the world began but accomplished in time in the death of the LORD Jesus Christ. God’s elect were under God’s legal condemnation in their father Adam, until the Lord Jesus came and fulfilled in the flesh all of the righteous requirements of God the Father to the satisfaction of His justice, [Romans 5:19](#). After His work was completed in His death on the cross, there is therefore NOW no condemnation for them, [Romans 8:1](#).

‘***Who hath saved us,***’ then points the elect sinner outside himself to none other than God Himself, in the person and work of Christ, as his salvation. The salvation occurred at the cross and the calling follows in time as the internal special revelation of Christ by the Holy Spirit (***holy calling***) in the heart of the redeemed and justified ones, [Galatians 1:15-16](#). If God has so-called (summoned) a sinner by His Holy Spirit, it is because He first saved them already by His Son’s blood and righteousness imputed when He died and that according to His glorious purpose of grace appointed in Christ.

Ken Wimer

Faith Is Not Our Righteousness

Our faith, that is to say, our believing cannot justify us because it is not our righteousness. For not anything can be our righteousness or justification unto us but that which is made sin and curse for us, only Christ is both these to His, **"He hath made him to be sin for us, Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us."** ([Gal. 3:13](#)) Therefore He **"...bare our sins, and was wounded for us, that he might bring us to God."** ([1 Pet. 3:18](#)) Nothing can justify us, but that which is our reconciliation, our righteousness, and peace. Nothing can procure peace to us but that which justifies us and puts away our iniquities that separate us from God, [Isa. 57](#); [Isa. 59:2](#). **"For he is our peace, who hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."** ([Eph. 2:14-17](#)).

Can faith do these things for us? Surely not. Christ became our righteousness by His obedience. Or more strictly by His obedience unto death of the cross: [Col. 1:20](#), [Eph. 2:16](#). God did ordain Him to be our righteousness, [1 Pet. 1:18-20](#), therefore, we ought to look upon Christ to be our righteousness because God hath made Him so, [1 Cor. 1:30](#); [2 Cor. 5:21](#). Nothing can redeem us and set us free from bondage but Christ, [Heb. 2:14-15](#); [Heb. 9:26-28](#). Nothing can present us holy and unblameable but Christ: [Col. 1:22](#). Therefore, Christ's Testament declares that all the parts of our redemption, justification, reconciliation and salvation, are attributed to Christ's blood, to His death: [Col. 1:20](#); [Eph. 2:16](#); [Heb. 9](#); [Heb. 10](#); [Rom. 5:9](#). The slaying of our enmity, the destroying of our spiritual enemies, etc. is attributed to His cross. Therefore, the Word of the Gospel is called the Word or preaching of the cross, [1 Cor. 1:18-23](#). The main and special thing the apostle desired to know and drove at in all his preaching, was nothing else but **Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

Samuel Richardson, 1647

A Way that Seemeth Right, But...

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

[\(Proverbs 14:12\)](#)

Stop, oh soul and consider what way art thou in? That which seems right in thy sight or that which God declares is right in His? Remember, the way of a righteous, fool, is RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES but he who hearkens unto Counsel is wise, [Proverbs 12:15](#). Jesus is our Counselor. Hearken unto Him! He says, **"I AM THE WAY..."** ([John 14:6](#)) The Only Way, exclusive of every other way, for pardon from God, peace and acceptance with God, justification before God and enjoyment of God is the Good Old Way: walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls, [Jeremiah 6:16](#).

William Mason, 1773