

# Shreveport Grace Church

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## SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

**Choruses from Chorus Book**

**Scripture Reading:** [Psalm 108](#) (Bob)

**Call to Worship:** 'The Joyful Gospel News'

**Scripture Reading:** [Micah 7](#) (Robert)

**Hymn #224-** 'I Know Whom I Have Believed'

**Scripture Reading:** [Exodus 34:1-26](#) (David)

**Message:** 'A God of Mercy and Forgiveness'

**Hymn # 117-** 'He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions'

**The LORD's Table**

**Hymn # 145-** 'Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus'

## 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 # 249- 'Just As I Am')

What Joyful News the Gospel is,  
To guilty sinners in distress!  
It speaks of Mercy, rich and free,  
For such polluted worms as we.

Jesus, my Shepherd, lived and died,  
Rose and now lives to intercede.  
He bears my name upon His heart,  
Nor will He ever with me part.

For me He bore the wrath of God.  
For me He in the winepress trod.  
He magnified the law for me,  
And I forever am set free.

He loved me ere the world began.  
Nor did my Savior love alone.  
The Spirit and the Father joined,  
As One Jehovah, in one mind.

In endless love, the Holy Three,  
All blessings have obtained for me.  
All good that's worthy of my God,  
For me in Jesus Christ is stored.

## Free and Voluntary

*“Lo, I come in the volume of the Book,  
it is written of me to do thy will, O God.”* ([Hebrews 10:5-7](#))

**S**uretyship imports that the obligation be free and voluntary, for the law forces none to be a surety nor to engage for others. My brethren, though God did choose Jesus Christ to be the Surety of this covenant for us, Christ, as a most free and voluntary act on His part, undertook that office. For that law, we had broken, laid no obligation on Him nor was He under any necessity of nature to undertake herein because He was the Son of God but this choice is ascribed wholly to His infinite love and goodness. It is a Sovereign act of His own free grace to undertake for man and not for angels and also only for some of the lost sons of Adam and not for all. ***“No man takes my life from me, but I lay it down freely; I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.”*** ([John 10:18](#))

*Benjamin Keach, 1689*

## Maintaining Good Works

**“This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.”** ([Titus 3:8](#))

**C**ontext is so vital in understanding the Scriptures. If you simply take and cut out the above verse, by itself and put it under the microscope, you might come away with the idea that our salvation is somehow gained or maintained by what we do or don't do. However, broaden the scope of verse to what comes before and after and what you will find is that good works are not the faithful saying that preachers are to affirm constantly but rather ***‘this faithful saying’*** refers back to [verse 7](#): ***“That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”***

We do not become heirs of eternal life by what we do but by being justified by the Grace of God, exclusively in, through and by the LORD Jesus Christ and His finished work at Calvary. This is the faithful saying that every true preacher of God affirms constantly. Jesus Christ did not come into the world to save the righteous because there are none: [Romans 3:10](#). ***“This is a faithful saying and worthy of ALL acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save SINNERS.”*** ([1 Timothy 1:15](#)) Sinners by definition, are nothing but sin in their persons and works, therefore unable to do anything, contribute anything nor plead anything except what brings them into condemnation: [Romans 3:23](#). Therefore, there is the necessity of the work of the LORD Jesus Christ for their justification, as their Substitute. He did not come to attempt to save sinners but He saved them, [Matthew 1:21](#). He did not

render them *savable*, on condition that they do something, HE SAVED THEM by His blood shed and simultaneously applied to their spiritual account for forgiveness and His righteous obedience imputed to them for their righteousness, entirely accomplished once for all in His cross death, [2 Corinthians 5:21](#).

It is just such a Message, when revealed in the heart of those whom the Spirit of God has revealed the LORD Jesus as crucified for them that causes them to believe God and be careful to maintain good works (literally: God's works for them and in them). Having been justified through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, sanctified by His blood and righteousness alone and made alive by the Spirit of God, [1 Corinthians 6:11](#). He causes those sinners to live, move and labor for His glory and honor in all things and the advancement of His Gospel in a lost and ungodly world. Good works are not in order to earn salvation but rather are the fruit of that salvation that the LORD earned for His own, [1 Thessalonians 1:3](#).

*Ken Wimer*

## One God and One Mediator

***F***orasmuch...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.*** [Isaiah 45:22](#)

***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*

## Growing Old in God's Grace

***“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish,  
yet the inward man is renewed day by day.”***

[\(2 Corinthians 4:16\)](#)

Let us correct our attitude toward getting older. Believers must not allow the carnal thinking of this world to form our opinions and attitudes. The reason so much emphasis is placed on youth, physical strength and beauty, riches and possessions is because this is all that the worldling has and when these are gone all is gone! Actually, while age mars outward beauty, it should bring us REAL lasting beauty which is inward Grace, Mercy and Peace [Christ Jesus]. Age will decrease our physical strength but should increase our Spiritual strength. Age may make our arms weak and tremble but it should establish us more firmly on the Everlasting Arm [Christ Jesus]. Age may make the present less sure but it gives assurance of the certainty of the future. I'll always be young in Christ! My steps may be slower but I walk with the King. My eyes may be dimmer but as I see more of the LORD I see less of the world. My ears may be dull but I hear His Voice [the Word] more clearly. My body may be weak but I am stronger in Faith [Christ]. I may not know the latest story but I know the OLD, OLD STORY a little better. I may not be surrounded by as many human admirers but I am surrounded by a Heavenly host which waits to take me home.

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