

# Shreveport Grace Church

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SCRIPTURE ALONE · GRACE ALONE · CHRIST ALONE

**November 26, 2023**

## SUNDAY

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

**WORSHIP - 11:00 AM**

**Choruses from Chorus Book**

**Scripture Reading:** [Psalm 112](#) (Ken)

**Call to Worship:** 'Jesus Has Done All Things Well'

**Scripture Reading:** [John 16](#) (Robert)

**Hymn # 16-** 'The LORD is King!'

**Message:** 'Groaning, Waiting, Hoping' [Romans 8:18-27](#)

**Hymn # 300-** 'More Secure Is No One Ever'

## 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 # 393- 'Take My Life and Let it Be')

O my soul with wonder tell,  
Jesus has done all things well.  
And through His effectual blood,  
I've a settled peace with God. (Repeat)

He bequeathed His peace to me,  
As a gift Divinely free.  
And it is His righteous will,  
That my soul in peace shall live. (Repeat)

Love to such vile worms as I,  
Brought the Savior from the sky.  
Every foe for them to quell,  
Jesus conquered death and hell. (Repeat)

Gifts like this, so full and free,  
Stand as firm as Deity.  
God has sworn, nor can He lie,  
It shall last endlessly (Repeat)

Justice, mercy, truth and love,  
Every attribute of God,  
Join to make this peace secure,  
And it must and shall endure. (Repeat).

Jesus, Mighty Prince of Peace,  
Now proclaim a full release.  
Set poor captive sinners free,  
Give them solid peace in Thee. (Repeat)

## A Word to the Impenitent

To the impenitent we speak, not offers of Christ but solemn warnings concerning the wrath to come, deeply conscious the while that only the Holy Spirit can carry Divine conviction effectively home to the conscience and deposit everlasting life in the soul, which He does sovereignly to none but the election of Grace and the rest were blinded. But never must God's character be maligned by suggesting that on the ground of election, He refuses to regard the cry of any distressed sinner who seeks for Mercy at His gracious hands. Indeed, who except elect vessels of Mercy ever sue for blood-bought pardon? Nor indeed will any lost soul ever be able to rise up in hell and say he is there for any other cause than his own sin.

*J. H. Gosden*

## Substitution and Imputation

By definition, substitution means *'The act of putting one person or thing in the place of another; as, the substitution of an agent, attorney, or representative to act on behalf of another.'* And so it is that sinners being indigent (poor, needy and incapable of any good) that the LORD Jesus Christ is GOD'S court-appointed advocate for those that He purposed to save from before the foundation of the world: [1 John 2:1-2](#).

Connected with substitution, there is the simultaneous imputation of that work to those the substitute represents. First, there is the accounting of the debt to the substitute. Second, there is the payment of the debt and accounting of the debtor as free upon payment: [2 Corinthians 5:21](#). Imputation is never complete without both. And so it is that the LORD Jesus was not only numbered among the transgressors, although Himself sinless, yet by His death for their sin, full payment was made before God the Father and there is therefore now NO condemnation for those for whom He paid their horrible sin debt, [Romans 8:1](#).

Some will contend that the elect were justified before the foundation of the world, God's decree to justify the elect being their justification. Their rationale is that since God's purposes are as eternal as God Himself, that the elect have always been justified and have never been otherwise before God. The problem is, 'Can sin be imputed before there was an actual transgression of the law in Adam?' 'Can righteousness be imputed before that righteousness has been worked out, established and accomplished by Christ? We must not confound God's purpose to justify as the actual accomplishing of what He purposed, [Acts 4:28](#).

There is, however, a more popular view that somehow imputation doesn't take place until the sinner believes, thereby basing justification upon faith first. Many cite the terminology: **'justified by faith'** in defense of this doctrine, even as others use **'God so loved the world'** to defend a supposed doctrine of God's universal love. However, the context of the Scriptures must always be taken into consideration in Light of the rest of God's Word. The

rest of Scripture shows justification by the blood of Christ alone, [Romans 5:9](#), concurrent with His accomplished redemption, [Romans 3:24](#). 'Justified by faith' means justified as per THE FAITH (the Gospel of Christ) once revealed unto the saints, [Jude 1:3](#). It is the law of Faith in opposition to the law of works, [Romans 3:27-28](#). That Faith revealed is the fruit of justification, not the instrument or cause! [[Romans 1:17](#)]

Simply stated, sin was charged to the account of the LORD Jesus, as the Substitute, when He came in the flesh and laid down His life, not before. He bore it ALL away, by His death **when** He died: [Hebrews 1:3](#); [1 John 1:9](#). However, not only was sin put to His account but His righteous obedience ONCE FOR ALL charged to the account of God's elect: "**For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.**" ([Hebrews 10:14](#))

Ken Wimer

## Unmerited Forgiveness of Sins

*have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.* [Zech. 3:4](#)

*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.* [Psa. 32:1](#)

*We are all as an unclean thing.* [Isa. 64:6](#)

*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.* [Rom. 7:18](#)

*As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.* [Gal. 3:27](#)

***Ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man,  
which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. [Col. 3:9-10](#)***

***Not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but  
...the righteousness which is of God by faith. [Phil. 3:9](#)***

***Bring forth the best robe and put it on him. [Luke 15:22](#)***

***The fine linen is the righteousness of saints. [Rev. 19:8](#)***

***I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God;  
for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness. [Isa. 61:10](#)***

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

## Justified by Christ Freely and Fully

***“Wherefore, the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.”***

[\(Romans 7:12\)](#)

**T**he law here is the body of law, most particularly the law of Moses. The commandment means each law in particular. The **phrase ‘holy, just and good’** describes *law* and *commandment* which describe the character of God. What is **holy** opposes all that is sinful and approved by God. **Just** describes demands that are consistent with God and perfect obedience. Everything else is a trespass. As sinful creatures, mankind is due the justice of God. Raw justice without Grace is punishment and condemnation. **‘Good’** promotes order and happiness as seen in each of the Ten Commandments. The three may refer to the three divisions of the law: ceremonial, judicial, moral. These three qualities are so because their Author is God, they reveal the character and will of God and they are impartial without regard to any external concerns. Their result is to condemn violations or violators but also justify those who keep them. However, no man can keep them; therefore he must have a Justifier.

Justification by righteousness imputed does not degrade God’s law. Righteousness is obedience to the law. Righteousness was earned by Christ’s perfect obedience to the law. Righteousness was established (caused to stand up, which had never happened previously) in that God accepted it. Righteousness was imputed by Grace alone, without regard to external considerations: race, social standing, economic levels, intelligence or education, etc. Righteousness was imputed to all the elect at the same time and place, at the cross, so there can be no boasting on our part before God or His law.

*T. David Simpson*