

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 66](#) (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'Christ Exalted is Our Song'

Scripture Reading: [Philemon 1](#) (Robert)

Hymn # 255- 'Blessed Assurance'

Scripture Reading: *Mark 15* (David)

Message- 'Jesus for Barabbas' - [John 18:39-40](#)

Hymn # 118- 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies in Jesus' Miracles

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

Christ exalted is our song,
Hymned by all the blood-bought throng.

To His throne our shouts shall rise,
God with us by sacred ties.
Shout, believer, to thy God,
He hath once the winepress trod.
Peace procured by blood Divine,
Canceled all thy sins and mine.

Here thy bleeding wounds are healed,
Sin condemned and pardon sealed.
Grace His empire still maintains,
Love without a rival reigns.
In thy Surety thou art free,
His dear hands were pierced for thee.
With His spotless vesture on,
Holy as the Holy One.

Oh the heights and depths of Grace!
Shining with meridian blaze.
Here the sacred records show,
Sinners black but comely too.
Saints dejected, cease to mourn,
Faith shall soon to vision turn.
Ye the Kingdom shall obtain,
And with Christ exalted reign.

My Only Hope, My Only Plea

When I shall be summoned to the great tribunal, what will be my plea, what my dependence? Nothing by Christ! Christ, I would say, has been wounded for my sins, therefore they will not be punished in me. Christ has fulfilled all righteousness in my stead, therefore I trust to be justified when I am judged. I am a poor unworthy sinner but worthy is the Lamb that was slain, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, for whose sake I shall receive both pardoning mercy, and everlasting glory. He is my Only Hope....

James Hervey (1714-1758)

Changed from Glory to Glory

*"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the LORD,
are changed into the same image from glory to glory,
even as by the Spirit of the LORD."*

[\(2 Corinthians 3:18\)](#)

What is the Glory of which the apostle Paul writes?

1.) But we all with open face: no longer veiled in types and pictures but the very Glory of God as revealed in the LORD Jesus Christ, through His finished work at Calvary.

2.) Beholding in a glass: the fulfilled and revealed Word of God concerning Christ in the Gospel [to behold continually for oneself and not through the veil of the Old Testament prophecies that had yet to be fulfilled before Christ came and accomplished salvation].

3.) The Glory of the LORD: specifically Jesus Christ, manifest in the flesh, as the Redeemer, Reconciler and Justifier of God's elect; [John 1:17-18](#).

4.) 'Changed into the same image: [metamorphosed] not that our flesh is being changed, for it is as sinful as it ever has been but our mind and heart being conformed (brought into subjection to the very image or revelation of Christ as revealed in the Gospel) all that HE is and has accomplished for our salvation by His death on the cross.

The growth in Grace is a growth in perception of Who Christ is, what He did to save His people and how He is God's satisfaction and therefore ours. This must be referring to the change of our heart, mind and will in submission to Him (as is used in [Romans 12:2](#)) and not any inherent change into

sinless perfection. Holiness has no degrees. We are either holy or not and that is only by HIS imputed righteousness, [Hebrews 10:10-14](#). I do, however, change in my perception of Him, knowledge of Him and therefore willing submission to Him, as He is pleased to teach me, [2 Corinthians 10:5](#).

Another word, closely related to this is REPENTANCE. Those who have so learned Christ by the Spirit of God, are brought to continual repentance about themselves and His person and work, which is daily, [Psalm 139:23](#). The fact that we need this daily 'renewing' of the mind is an indication that there is no progression in holiness but a constant need of repentance as we contemplate HIS glory and marvel that HE should be merciful to sinners such as we are.

5.) From glory to glory: from the first revelation of His glory at regeneration, unto eternal [endless] glory (when we will be truly like Him in a glorified sinless state). Until then, we continue to reflect on His glory as revealed in the Gospel, the glory of His perfect person and absolute substitution and satisfaction before the Holy God, in Whose righteousness we stand complete (nothing to be added) and kept until that final day of our bodily redemption and glorification, [1 Corinthians 1:30](#).

Ken Wimer

Justification Before a Holy God

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow,
saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd. [Zech. 13:7](#)

The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. [Isa. 53:6](#)

Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other. [Psa. 85:10](#)

Mercy rejoiceth against judgment. [James 2:13](#)

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our LORD. [Rom. 6:23](#)

A just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. [Isa. 45:21](#)

Just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. [Rom. 3:26](#)

Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. [Rom. 3:24](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Jesus Christ Our Surety

"By so much was Jesus made a SURETY of a better testament...

***Wherefore 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..."***

[\(Hebrews 7:22-25\)](#)

When one undertakes to be surety for another, the debt is reckoned unto him and he accepts it. Thus our Dear Savior, our Blessed Surety stood up for us, engaged in our behalf. Our debts, all our iniquities, were imputed to Him and laid upon Him, charged upon His person. He fully satisfied, perfectly paid in full for justice for them. By the one sacrifice of Himself, He hath taken them all away, made an end of sin, so that justice itself proclaims its own faithfulness to forgive sin, [1 John 1:9](#). Grace reigns, Mercy triumphs, sinners are pardoned, believers rejoice. Oh believer, you are blessed of your God Who is just, therefore does not, cannot, impute sin to you. True, you have committed sins innumerable, but it is true, they were all laid upon Jesus. True, you do commit sin; it is equally true that Christ hath bore them. You will commit sin; it is perfectly true your Savior has paid for them all. You have nothing to plead but guilty in yourself but perfectly righteous in Christ. Every charge the enemy brings from the righteous law against you is just: own it but ever plead in your own conscience and before the throne, Jesus has satisfied for all; there is now no condemnation. Oh, believer, this is a most Precious Truth of God.

William Mason (1748-1823)