

# Shreveport Grace Church

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## SUNDAY

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

**WORSHIP - 11:00 AM**

**Choruses from Chorus Book**

**Scripture Reading:** [Psalm 119:113-120](#) (Robert)

**Call to Worship:** 'Our Sovereign God'

**Scripture Reading:** [John 13](#) (Bob)

**Hymn # 44-** 'And Can It Be That I Should Gain?'

**Scripture Reading:** [Romans 13:8-14](#) (David)

**Message:** 'Five W's of Christ's Love'

**Hymn # 54-** 'For the Beauty of the Earth'

## 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 # 39- 'This is My Father's World')

O ur Sovereign God maintains His universal throne,  
In heav'n and earth and hell He reigns and makes His wonders known!  
His counsels and decrees, firmer than mountains stand,  
He will perform what'er He please and none can stay His hand!

All things His will directs and His all-wise decree,  
Has fixed the destinies of all in matchless sovereignty.  
Jacob by Grace He saved and gives no reason why,  
But Esau's heart He left depraved and who shall dare reply?

What if the Potter takes part of a lump of clay,  
And for Himself a vessel makes and casts the rest away?  
Who shall resist His will, or say, 'What doest Thou'?  
Jehovah is the Sovereign still and all to Him must bow!

My soul, bow and adore the LORD in all His ways,  
His sovereignty non can explore but I will trust His Grace!  
"For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things,  
To Whom be glory evermore! Amen! Amen! Amen!

## All Spiritual Blessings in Christ

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings  
in heavenly places in Christ." ([Ephesians 1:3](#))*

Our justification by Grace and acceptance with God is only to be found where it is treasured up: in Christ. You cannot find it in yourselves. It has pleased the Father that in the LORD Jesus Christ, all fullness should dwell for every poor, sensible soul who is brought by God the Spirit to confess his guilt and misery, feel his need and have earnest desires, hungering and thirsting after Christ's justifying righteousness. The LORD brings His people to know that in His solemn presence, they are all together as an unclean thing and that all their doings and righteousness are as filthy rags, [Isa. 64:6](#). They find that when they would do good, evil is present with them and that the good they would they do not, while the evil they would not, that they do.

So that the poor soul who is brought more and more to feel his evils and to see that he has nothing in self to glory in but that he is as an unclean thing before the LORD, will be led by the Holy Spirit to discover that his justification and acceptance is treasured up in the Precious Christ then he will burst out in the language of the church of old, *"Surely shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength..."* ([Isa. 45:24](#)) and again: *"In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory."* ([Isa. 45:25](#)) Our justification, our acceptance and our glory before a Holy God is in the LORD Jesus Christ. Boasting is excluded on every side, [Romans 3:26-27](#).

*John Kershaw 1853*

*"Ye are Christ's and Christ is God's." ([1 Cor. 3:23](#))*

As God's children living in this fallen flesh in a fallen world, it is perhaps difficult for us to value who we are in the LORD Jesus, our Redeemer and Justifier. Here the apostle Paul reminds the Corinthian believers that in the LORD Jesus, *"ALL THINGS ARE YOURS..."* ([1 Corinthians 3:21](#)) All things in the election of God by His Grace, [Ephesians 1:3-4](#). All things in redemption and justification by His shed blood at the cross alone, [Romans 5:9-11](#). All things in sanctification by His work alone for salvation, [John 17:19](#). All things in this life and in the world to come, [1 John 4:17](#); [2 Peter 3:18](#).

There is nothing in this world that can ever leave the child of God exposed to condemnation. Not their sin nor Satan nor the enemies of Christ in the world. Paul asked and answered the question in [Romans 8:35-39](#): *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor*

***powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our LORD.***

There is no greater Word of comfort and support to the heart of God's children than to read: "***Ye are Christ's***". Who Christ is to God the Father, His children are to Him as well. Not just in their creation by Him but in their salvation through Him. We all live and move and have our being in Christ in creation but in salvation also. He took our sin and in return the Father imputed righteousness to each one, never to be taken away, [2 Corinthians 5:21](#).

And Christ is God's. He is His Beloved Son. He shares the same Divine nature, [John 1:1](#). He is God the Father's as His servant Who came in the flesh in the fullness of the time, sent by Him made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem those that were under the law (His elect before He paid their debt at the cross), [Galatians 4:4-6](#). The LORD Jesus faithfully accomplished all that His Father sent Him to do for the salvation of His elect and now has been exalted and is set down at the right hand of the Father where He ever lives as one with the Father and one with those for whom He came as Mediator and Substitute. He is His Righteous Servant, Whom the Father chose and sent into the world to accomplish the salvation of His elect and brought Him forth, upheld Him and in Whom He is glorified and His elect in Him, [Isaiah 42:1-9](#).

It's not what we have done that has established this relationship with God in Christ. Rather, it is everything that Christ has done. As Christ is God's so, all things are His children's: "***All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.***" ([2 Cor. 5:18](#))

*Ken Wimer*

## When God Chastens His Children

**O**ur God hath not forsaken us. [Ezra 9:9](#)

***Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. [1 Pet. 4:12](#)***

***If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. [Heb. 12:7-8](#)***

**The LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. [Deut. 13:3](#)**

**The LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. [1 Sam. 12:22](#)**

**Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. [Isa. 49:15](#)**

**Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God. [Psa. 146:5](#)**

**Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. [Luke 18:7-8](#)**

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

### **The Ransom Paid**

***"By the blood of Thy covenant, I have sent forth Thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water."***

***[\(Zechariah 9:11\)](#)***

**H**ow marvelous is the salvation of God! Jesus, by His death, hath paid the ransom and made the captives His own. Therefore, He has a legal right to their persons and with His power He brings them forth. It is glorifying to His Grace to bring out the prisoners from the prison and those that sit in darkness out of the prison house: ***"I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."*** [\(Isaiah 42:6-7\)](#)

*William Rushton (1796-1838)*