# **Shreveport Grace Church**

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#### **SUNDAY**

Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

**WORSHIP - 11:00 AM** 

**Choruses from Chorus Book** 

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:129-136 (Adam)

Call to Worship: 'Sweet Mercies of Jesus'
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4 (Bob)
Hymn # 212- 'Nothing But the Blood

Scripture Reading: Exodus 38 (David)

Message: 'God's Tabernacle: Ordered and Sure' Hymn # 110- 'Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?'

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10 (Daron)

The LORD's Table

Hymn # 485- 'Revive Us Again'

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP**

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#### 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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## **Call to Worship**

(Tune # 34- 'Immortal, Invisible')

weet mercies of Jesus, I find my delight.
My hope in the morning, my song in the night.
Whatever He sends me, I know it's from Him.
Both sorrow and joy, till this life shall end.

Sweet grace of the Savior, I find my delight.

The grace of the Sovereign, to give is His right.

The grace that now reigneth, in righteousness true.

The Grace Everlasting, the Covenant New.

Sweet peace of the God/Man, Whose blood has prevailed, And reconciled fully, when to the cross nailed. Sin now made an end of, salvation so free. Sweet blessings, sweet prospect, Sweet Savior for me.

# By One Offering

"By one offering, Christ hath perfected forever them who are sanctified."

(Hebrews 10:14)

n what sense has Christ perfected them forever? My dear reader, it is for want of Faith in this, that we feel so much distress in our consciences, so little love to Christ in our hearts and enjoy no more peace with God in our souls. Sin causes all this. But Christ has perfected us forever. That is, He has taken away all our sins, fully and finally from before God. He has so perfectly freed us from all the charges of law and justice, that there is now NOT ONE CONDEMNATION against us, no more than if we had never sinned.

How has Christ done this? **By One Offering.** Oh, the love of Christ for sinners who deserved it not. Oh, the willingness of Christ in it! He gave Himself for our sins, <u>Galatians 4:4</u>. Oh, the pains and agonies He endured for our salvation and the glorious efficacy of His offering upon the cross! He made thereby ONE oblation of Himself ONCE offered: a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for our sins.

William Mason

## **Believing and Salvation**

"And they said, Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

(Acts 16:31)

any quote this verse as a proof text to support their notion that believing is a condition for being saved. It is taught as a condition and a promise, the condition being 'believing' and the promise being 'thou shalt be saved' if only you believe.

While this may sound palatable to natural logic, nothing could be further from the Truth. Nowhere in Scripture is salvation conditioned on anything done in us, by us, or through us, <u>Titus 3:5</u>. "Salvation is of the LORD." (<u>Jonah 2:9</u>) The command to believe on Christ is not a condition but just that-A COMMAND! The salvation that is in the LORD Jesus and worked out by Him: by His perfect obedience unto death, is revealed to the heart of those He redeemed causing them to believe, <u>Romans 1:16-17</u>.

Notice in the context, it wasn't Paul and Silas asking the Philippian jailer if he wanted to know what to do to be saved. It was the jailer asking and that out of a heart already regenerated by the Spirit of God, which caused him to cry out: 'What must I do to be saved?' If the Spirit of God has already opened your heart, as in the case of Lydia [Acts 16:14] HE makes you, the sinner, attentive unto the Gospel and causes you to believe on Christ alone as your Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption, 1 Corinthians 1:30. He makes salvation effectual, NOT us.

There are many today who have made professions based on this Scripture, whose hearts the LORD has never opened, they are still ignorant of the One True Righteousness of God imputed in Christ by His shed blood. Rather than them being brought by the Spirit to cry out, 'What must I do to be saved?' it has been rather the preacher, or 'evangelistic worker,' asking 'Wouldn't you like to know how you can be saved?' It is a very subtle error but nonetheless dangerous and deadly because it leaves the man, woman or child thinking that they have done something to make their salvation effectual.

Christ said in <u>John 6:44</u>: "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him." God makes His command to 'believe' to be effectual in the hearts of His elect ones, causing them to come to Christ and be persuaded of their redemption and justification by His Son's shed blood and righteousness imputed alone. Notice also the verse following in <u>Acts 16:32</u> that Paul did not simply say **believe**: "He **spake unto him and his household the word of the LORD...**" teaching them those things that pertain to Christ's honor and glory and salvation fully accomplished by His death for them. It is just such a persuasion that the Spirit gives to those Christ redeemed, causing them to believe in response to the command to believe, resting in the finished work of Christ alone.

Ken Wimer

## **Our Hope of Glory**

hen he shall appear, we shall he like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1:12

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Pet. 1:4

Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. <u>lsa. 64:4</u>

Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 1 Cor. 13:12

Christ...shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Phil. 3:20-21

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. Psa. 17:15

### Christ the First and the Last in Salvation

y friends, do you love to hear Christ lifted up and exalted as your All and in all? If you do, you are willing to be made less than nothing and vanity in yourselves. Professors of religion, generally, do not like to be thus humbled. They love to have something to do, in whole or in part, to recommend themselves to God. But the LORD's salvation is not a mixture of Grace and works. It is of free and sovereign Grace and received by Faith alone, which is the Gift of God. It is "...not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-10) The LORD alone be exalted as the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last in the salvation of His people, Revelation 22:13.

John Kershaw