

# Shreveport Grace Church

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**SCRIPTURE ALONE · GRACE ALONE · CHRIST ALONE**

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## SUNDAY

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

**WORSHIP - 11:00 AM**

**Choruses from Chorus Book**

**Scripture Reading:** [Psalm 119:105-112](#) (Adam)

**Call to Worship:** 'Ye Children of God by Grace in His Son'

**Scripture Reading:** [1 Peter 2](#) (David)

**Hymn # 272-** 'The Solid Rock'

**Scripture Reading:** [Romans 13:1-7](#) (Ken)

**Message:** 'Submission to Authority'

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

## 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 # 1- 'O Worship the King')

**Y**e children of God, by grace in His Son,  
Redeemed by His blood, & with Him made one.

This union with wonder and rapture be seen,  
Which nothing shall sunder, without or within.

This pardon, this peace which none can destroy,  
This Treasure of Grace, this Heavenly Joy.  
The worthless may crave it, it always comes free,  
The vilest may have it, 'twas given to me.

'Tis not for good deeds, good tempers, nor frames,  
From Grace it proceeds and all is the Lamb's.  
No goodness, no fitness, expects He from us,  
This I can well witness, for none could be worse.

Sick sinner, expect no balm but Christ's blood.  
Thine own works reject, the bad and the good.  
None ever miscarry that on Him rely,  
Though filthy as Mary, Manasseh or I.

## God's Zion

**T**here are numerous references to Zion in the Scripture as an exact location yet most of the time that reference is made the context leads us to see it used more as a metaphor for the place where GOD is pleased to dwell with HIS people. ***"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."*** (***Psalm 2:6***) does not have reference to a 'place' so much as it does to the fact that HE has a kingdom which is an everlasting kingdom; [Ps.145:13](#); [Dan 2:37](#); [2 Pet.1:11](#).

Zion is a place with an unshakeable foundation: ***“Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation.”*** ([Is. 28:16](#)) The LORD JESUS CHRIST is that CORNERSTONE which the builders of earthly kingdoms have rejected. Yet another foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ; [1 Cor. 3:11](#). HIS righteousness alone is the hope of those who dwell there.

Zion is a place of great joy: ***“And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”*** ([Is. 35:10](#)) The Word of Reconciliation is sent out to all those who have been purchased by JESUS CHRIST. ***“The year of my redeemed is come.”*** ([Is. 63:4](#)) The Gospel is sent by HIM to publish glad tidings and comfort those that mourn; [Is. 40:9](#); [41:27](#); [61:1-3](#).

M. McInnis

## A Minister of the New Testament

***“Who hath made us able ministers of the New Testament, not of the letter, but of the Spirit.”*** ([2 Corinthians 3:6](#))

What is the point that the apostle Paul makes here in God’s Inspired Word? Isn’t it that God’s true ministers have been established for the proclamation of God’s will and testament that He purposed in His Son from eternity, having named specifically in His will those sinners who should be beneficiaries of His grace, love, forgiveness and glory through the death of His Son in their place, [Rev. 21:27](#). It is called the NEW Testament not because it is different from what He purposed from before the foundation of the world but rather in contrast to the Old Testament, of the ‘letter’ of the law, which was one of obligations, conditions and rules that could only condemn sinners, not save them. The first was designed to show the utter impossibility of any sinner to satisfy any of God’s holy requirements based on personal effort or individual obedience. The law had no flexibility, giving no life, no hope, no help but the letter of the law required absolute perfection. In establishing the New Testament, however, God did not set aside the first. Rather, the LORD Jesus Christ came and fulfilled the first in every jot and tittle and thereby established a New and Living Way for those that God chose before the foundation of the world, whom He named in the Lamb’s book of life, [Heb. 9:15](#).

All the conditions and obligations were accomplished by the LORD Jesus. Because of the death of the Testator (Christ), all the privileges and benefits of grace written in this Testament are now the inheritance of every sinner for whom Christ died. What benefits? These include their redemption, justification, sanctification and final glorification, which could not be obtained in any other way than by the death of the Testator. Our LORD Jesus satisfied ALL the conditions of God’s law and justice by His shed blood and now the New Testament is in full force by His death as Testator, [Heb. 9:15-16](#). No man nor devil can disannul it, add to it, or make it void. It is NOW in full force for every heir of promise, whether they have already died and gone before, those living now in the joy of the Spirit having Christ revealed in them and even those yet to be called by God’s Glorious Grace to Himself.

Every true Gospel preacher declares this glorious message because He has the Spirit of God in him. He is called a minister of the Spirit, to communicate to the LORD's redeemed and justified people the blessings of Christ. He is pardoned by Christ's blood and therefore preaches forgiveness in HIM alone. Knowing that he is justified, he preaches only that the imputed righteousness of God was established, accepted and accomplished at the cross, knowing that nothing else could justify him. Being quickened by the Spirit of God, he believes and therefore speaks, holding forth the Word of life in its fullness, freeness and finality by the blood and righteousness of Christ alone.

*Ken Wimer*

## Christ Our True Wisdom

***H***appy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. [Prov. 3:13](#)

***Whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the LORD.*** [Prov. 8:35](#)

***Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,  
neither let the mighty man glory in his might...but let him that glorieth glory in this,  
that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD.*** [Jer. 9:23-24](#)

***The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.*** [Prov. 9:10](#)

***What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless,  
and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my LORD:  
for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.*** [Phil. 3:7-8](#)

***In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*** [Col. 2:3](#)

***Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.*** [Prov. 8:14](#)

***Christ Jesus...is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.*** [1 Cor. 1:30](#)

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

## Married to Another

***“Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.”*** ([Romans 7:1-2](#))

Here is a parable in which the first husband represents the law; the wife represents the church and not the second but the last husband represents the LORD Jesus Christ. The picture is of a humble Jewish woman who is married to a stern, critical, unyielding, unrelenting, perfectionist husband. She can never do enough to please him. The meals are either too hot or too cold. He puts on a white glove to check for dust on the windowsill at the end of every day. When she speaks, she is too loud or too soft. She talks too much or too little. Her clothing is too dull or too flashy. She is too slow or too fast. What she thought was an ideal has become an ordeal. Now, she needs a new deal! She had a situation! She was in bondage. She had no legal or moral recourse. And worst of all, they both lived from the time of the first Adam to the advent and suffering of the Last Adam, the LORD Jesus Christ.

Finally, the first husband, the law, died. She was free! God's elect, the church, died to the law when Christ died. By His obedience unto death, He fulfilled every part and penalty of the law. By her union with Christ, she also fulfilled the law. She was married to the law; now, she is married to Christ. He is the exact opposite of the first husband. He is kind, tender, gentle, encouraging, accepting and loving. She has found liberty she never knew existed. So it is for those married to Christ!

*T. David Simpson*