

# 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 89](#) (Robert)

**Call to Worship:** 'Saved by Sovereign Grace Alone'

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

**Hymn # 210-** 'Saved by the Blood'

**Message: 'Justification by Grace'** - [Romans 3:19-24](#)

**Hymn # 475-** 'Redeemed'

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

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

### 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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**9:00 KWKH AM Radio 1130, Shreveport, LA area or LIVE streaming @ <http://1130thetiger.com/listen-live>**

## Call to Worship

(Tune # 10- 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past')

**T**is not by works of righteousness,  
Which our own hands have done,  
But we are saved by Sovereign Grace,  
Abounding through the Son.

'Tis from the Mercy of our God,  
That all our hopes begin.  
'Tis by the water and the blood,  
Our souls were washed from sin.

'Tis through the merits of His death,  
Who hung upon the tree.  
The Spirit is sent down to breath,  
On such dry bones as we.

Raised from the dead, we live anew,  
And justified by Grace.  
We shall appear in glory too,  
And see our Father's face.

## Hope That Maketh Not Ashamed

*“And hope maketh not ashamed;*

*because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”*

[\(Romans 5:5\)](#)

**P**redestination should be publicly taught and insisted upon in order to confirm and strengthen true believers in the certainty and confidence of their salvation. For when regenerate persons are told and are enabled to believe, that the glorification of the elect is so assuredly fixed in God's purpose from before the foundation of the world, that it is impossible for any of them to perish and when the regenerate are led to consider themselves as actually belonging to this elect body of Christ, what can establish, strengthen and settle their Faith like this? Nor is such a Faith presumptuous, for every truly converted sinner may and ought to conclude himself elected, since God the Spirit renews those only who were chosen by God the Father and redeemed by God the Son, [Ephesians 1:6-14](#). He is that **Hope** which maketh not ashamed nor can possibly issue in disappointment if entertained by those into whose hearts the Love of God is poured forth by the Holy Ghost given unto them.

*Jerome Zanchius*

## Search the Scriptures

***“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life:***

***and they are they which testify of me.”*** [\(John 5:39\)](#)

**B**ecause there is so much confusion and so many voices as to the proper interpretation of Scripture, how careful all of us must be to search them out for ourselves under the Spirit's direction. The Greek word for **‘search’** means a strict, close, diligent, curious investigation; much like men seeking gold or hunters looking for signs of their game. So many are content with a superficial reading of a verse or chapter here or there but searching the Scriptures must be a regular part of our diet.

Certainly, there is much in the Word of God that can provide solace and consolation through simple reading. There is milk for babies and meat for the strong, [1 Peter 2:2](#). Yet, babies do not remain so but as they age so grows their need for strong meat! The writer of Hebrews states, **“For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe, but strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”** [\(Hebrews 5:13-14\)](#) All that God the Father has chosen and the LORD Jesus Christ has redeemed at Calvary, will in time be drawn by the Spirit of God and brought to see, hear, taste and know more fully the

goodness of the LORD in having legally adopted them as sons at the cross, having satisfied law and justice for them in Christ's obedience unto death. They are not chosen, redeemed, justified nor adopted when they come to see Him but they are brought to see and know Him as He Who saved them by His blood, having already accomplished salvation for them and justified them when He died before He ever drew them.

Just as when a baby is born, there is life, hunger and appetite, so any who are born from above will manifest that Life of the Spirit because of God's righteousness already established for them by Christ and imputed once-for-all to their account upon completion of His satisfactory death for them, [Romans 8:10](#). That life produced by the Spirit causes them to hunger and thirst after that righteousness, to know more of Him Who is God's Righteousness and be in subjection to Him as their only righteousness before a Holy God, [Romans 10:3](#). It is just that hunger that causes them to search the Scriptures, as the prophets of old: ***"Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow."*** ([1 Peter 1:11](#))

In searching the Scriptures, one whose eyes are opened will increasingly find Him as the ONE SUBJECT and find in Him that salvation purposed from before the foundation of the world, accomplished at Calvary and now revealed by the Spirit. Christ said, 'They are they which testify of Me.'

*Ken Wimer*

## The Love of God in Christ

**W**ereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us. [1 John 3:16](#)

**The love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.** [Eph. 3:19](#)

**Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.** [John 15:13](#)

**Ye know the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.** [2 Cor. 8:9](#)

**Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.** [1 John 4:11](#)

**Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. [Eph. 4:32](#)**

**Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. [Col. 3:13](#)**

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

## The Word of God

***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*** [\(John 1:1\)](#)

**C**hrist, as the Word, was and is God's way of communication with His people that He came to save. The Word was silent to some and yet very scolding to others such as the Pharisees and hypocrites. And yet to His own He speaks! What Grace to be spoken to by THE WORD!

What did the Word say for all men to hear from Calvary? What was His attitude toward sin laden, burdened down with guilt, hell deserving sinners? Yea, what has your soul heard from God Himself when His Word has cut out all your foundations from under you and driven you out of all your refuge of lives. All your hoping you are one of God's elect is gone and you are expecting the worst.

Listen, I hear the Word made flesh saying, "***Father forgive them for they know not what they do.***" [\(Luke 23:34\)](#) It is the Word of a Complete Savior's sacrifice, well pleasing to the Father and the blood to satisfy the justice of God having made peace through His death. Can you also not hear the Word coming forth from the cross, "***It is finished***"? All the Word being sharper than any two-edged sword, rebuking and chastening leads up to this when the Word in the heart comes and does say, '*Christ died for me.*' Redeemed one, never be lost again because you have been found! Never be condemned again because His Word says, "***There is therefore NOW no condemnation.***" [\(Romans 8:1\)](#)

*Ed Hale*