# **Shreveport Grace Church**

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#### **SUNDAY**

Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

**Choruses from Chorus Book** 

Scripture Reading: Psalm 87 (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Praise the God of Endless Days'

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3 (Aaron)

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

Scripture Reading: Romans 2:11-29 (David)

Message: 'God's Unbiased Judgment'

**Hymn # 70-** 'Holy, Holy, Holy'

#### **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 # 217– 'Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness')

raise ye the God of endless days,

Lift up to Him your voice in praise.

Sing of His free and Sovereign Grace,

Ye chosen, blood-bought, quickened race.

The Father long ago decreed,

Ordained to save a chosen seed.

To Christ the Son the Father gave,

A host of sinners He would save.

Praise ye the Son and thanks proclaim,

He is our Savior, bless His name!

He saved the people of God's choice,

Lift up His praise with heart and voice.

When we in sin had gone astray,

The Spirit put us in the Way.

We praise Him for His Mighty Word,

That caused our souls to trust the LORD.

Salvation by Effectual Grace,

To God alone this Gift we trace.

Praise God the Father, God the Son,

And God the Spirit, Three in One.

#### The Place of Justification by God

ome place justification to be only in the conscience. But we place it only in Christ where it is and to Whom it belongs. Justification consists in taking away sin. None but Christ can do that. Justification and acceptance are one. For without justification there is no acceptance. And seeing we are accepted in Christ; we are justified in Him. If our justification is a Spiritual blessing, (as it is) then it is in Christ where all Spiritual blessings are, "Blessed be God, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ." (Eph. 1:3) Where our redemption and righteousness are, there is our justification. Righteousness and justification are one. This we have not in ourselves but in Christ: "...who is made unto us of God, wisdom, and righteousness." (1 Cor. 1:30); "In whom we have redemption." (Col. 1:14) Our justification is a part of our completeness. Therefore, where we are complete: there we are justified. But we are not complete in ourselves but in Him, Col. 2:10.

Samuel Richardson, 1647

## Why Did Jesus Christ Come into the World?

uch a simple question but one that most cannot answer according to the Word of God. Most are taught and believe that Jesus came to offer salvation to humanity and that through His life, death and resurrection, He provided a way for people to be reconciled with God and receive Eternal Life if only they will receive Him. It conditions salvation on man's will making His work effectual. But what does God say about why He sent His Son into this world?

1.) He came according to the immutable WILL of God the Father, to accomplish His will in the salvation of His people: "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to DO THY WILL, O God." (Hebrews 10:7) God has chosen a great number of sinners that He purposed to save from before the foundation of the world and the LORD Jesus Christ, God's Son, voluntarily came to redeem them. All that pertains to God's will in salvation (those He saves, why He saves and how He saves) is answered in the PERSON OF CHRIST. It is the Father's will to save everyone that He gave to His Son, John 6:39; 17:2. He willed to save sinners because He purposed to honor His Son as the Savior, Psalm 2:8. What would be a Savior without sinners to save? So God the Father has willingly saved His elect through the work of redemption that the LORD Jesus Christ accomplished and is now calling them to Himself by His Spirit, Hebrews 9:14; Acts 15:14.

2.) He came to fulfill all of God's righteous LAW that God might be just and justifier: "To declare, I say, at this time HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." (Romans 3:26) Because God is just, He saves sinners by His law, not despite it. What kind of judge would ever set a criminal free without the satisfaction of the law first? God's law requires perfect obedience for righteousness and death for disobedience. Our LORD worked out that perfect obedience as the Representative of His people. He obeyed every PRECEPT of the law in Spirit and letter. Then He paid its PENALTY by dying the death of the cross. So complete was His work that upon completion of His death on the cross, God the Father declared justified, there and then, each one for whom His Son paid the debt.

All who believe on the LORD Jesus Christ receive Him not only as THE SAVIOR but as THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS, <u>Jeremiah 23:6</u>. It's not their believing that justifies them but they believe having already been justified by the blood shed of the LORD Jesus unto death, <u>Romans 4:25</u>; <u>5:1</u>. When He died, the elect were justified, not before and not after! One justification, once full, free, final and forever! [Romans 5:6-11]

Ken Wimer

## The Futility of Life Without Christ

s for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. Psa. 103:15-16

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Psa. 90:12

What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8:36

Surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. <u>lsa. 40:7-8</u>

The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 1 John 2:1

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2

Use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away. 1 Cor. 7:31

Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is;
but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Heb. 10:24-25

Daily Light on the Daily Path

#### **Divine Wrath Has Passed**

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 8:1)

here is therefore now! In Romans 7:7-24, Paul expressed despair regarding his corrupt and helpless state. Concluding his anguish, he described himself as a "...wretched man..." and asked, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" If it were, what it would require something from him, a deed or decision. Being Spirit-inspired, he said "Who". He followed that with a simple yet profound statement: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our LORD". Thus, he opened the eighth chapter looking back to that statement. The phrase is literally, 'Then now', meaning since Christ entered humanity, fulfilled the law and earned righteousness, which God imputed to the account of His elect; thereby justifying them.

"...no condemnation:" Here's a strong exclamation! No means NO, 1 Tim 6:7. By 'condemnation' is meant the damning sentence accounted to all the offspring of the first man of this world, Gen. 3:1-8; Rom. 5:12. "Shaped in iniquity...conceived in sin." (Psalm 51:5) Man enters humanity under arrest, indicted as a criminal and doomed for punishment. Under this grim charge, man can find no escape. Millions live and die under God's wrathful judgment. The most amazing thing occurred, Jesus Christ entered. On behalf of His elect, God declared His elect not condemned and "...freely justified." (Rom. 3:24)

"...to them which are in Christ Jesus" The Scriptures say: "...HE [God] has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world." (Eph. 1:4)
Being borne by Christ on their behalf, this damning sentence worthy of capital punishment was disannulled at the cross. For the 'chosen', God's elect,
Divine wrath has passed!