# **Shreveport Grace Church**

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### **SUNDAY**

Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

**WORSHIP - 11:00 AM** 

**Choruses from Chorus Book** 

Scripture Reading: Psalm 93 (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'We Bless the Prophet of the LORD'

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12 (Adam)

Hymn # 17- 'Come, Thou Fount'

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25 (David)
Message: 'The Nature of Abraham's Faith'
Hymn # 224- 'I Know Whom I Have Believed'

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP**

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#### 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

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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 # 236- 'Amazing Grace')

e bless the Prophet of the LORD, That came: God's Truth and Grace. Jesus, Thy Spirit and Thy Word, Shall lead us in Thy Way.

> We reverence our High Priest above, Who offered up His blood, And lives to carry on His love, By pleading with our God.

We honor our exalted King.

How sweet are His commands!

He guards our souls from hell and sin,

By His almighty hands.

Hosanna to His glorious name, Who keeps by different ways! His mercies lay a sovereign claim, To our unending praise.

# A Soul Given Up to Sin

t is the greatest judgment in the world to be left to sin. O unhappy man when God leaves you to yourself and does not resist you in your sins! Woe, woe to him at whose sins God winks. When God lets the way to hell be a smooth and pleasant way that is hell on this side of hell and a dreadful sign of God's indignation against a man; a token of his rejection and that God does not intend good unto him.

That is a sad word, "Ephraim is joined to idols...let him alone!" (Hosea 4:17) Ephraim will be unteachable and incorrigible; he has made a match with sin and he shall have his bellyful of it! And that is a terrible saying, "So I gave them up unto their own heart's lusts, and they walked in their own counsels." (Psalm 81:12) A soul given up to sin is a soul ripe for hell, a soul hastening to destruction!

Ah LORD! Mercy I humbly beg that whatever You give me up to, You will not give me up to the ways of my own heart! If You will give me up to be afflicted or tempted or reproached, I will patiently sit down and say: 'It is the LORD, let Him do with me what seems good in His own eyes.' Do anything with me and lay what burden You will upon me but do not give me up to the ways of my own heart!

Thomas Brooks

### For Sin

"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:"

(Romans 8:3)

he law, as perfect and holy as it is, could not, cannot and will not ever release the guilty for the sake of Mercy, without its satisfaction in precept and penalty. It is not that the law is weak. Its strength is what condemns sinners every day to everlasting damnation. But the flesh of sinful men is weak to satisfy its just demands. Sinners are unable to satisfy it, yet it can do no less than DEMAND absolute perfection. Not even God Himself can acquit sinners or show mercy unless His law and justice are first satisfied to the fullest extent, equal with HIS righteousness.

Therefore, God sent His own Eternal Son in the LIKENESS of sinful flesh. He was born of a virgin [Isaiah 7:14] and not a direct descendant of Adam, inseminated in the womb by God's Spirit [Luke 1:35] but wholly and perfectly MAN, like the sinful, depraved, condemned sinners He came to save. And yet He had no sin, nor ever experienced it, either in His life or in His death: Hebrews 4:15! It was necessary that He be the SINLESS Lamb of God because God can accept nothing less than perfection and remain holy and just. When the Scripture says that He was MADE sin [2 Corinthians 5:21] it is with the qualification: Who knew no sin. It cannot mean that He was made sinful nor a sinner because even in death He had to remain the Perfect Lamb. It says He died THE JUST for the unjust, not a sinner for the unjust: 1 Pet. 3:18.

Some foolishly argue that God could not have killed His Son had He not been guilty of the sin of His people for whom He died and made sinful like them. However, nothing about His death shows Him to have died the death of a sinner. His was not a natural death that sinners die but rather: the death of a Substitute. The Scripture says that He died FOR SIN and not in sin. So complete was His sacrifice FOR SIN that God was satisfied, once and for all on behalf of those FOR whom He died. They are said to be redeemed, justified, sanctified, adopted and forgiven fully and freely BY HIS BLOOD:

Romans 5:9. It is His death FOR SIN, reckoned His BY IMPUTATION, not infused in Him, that He put away the sin of His people once for all: Hebrews

10:10. "Now, where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin." (Hebrews 10:18) Anything more or less is NOT substitution.

Those that He redeemed, God has already simultaneously justified fully and in time either has given or will give them His Spirit, to make alive Spiritually [Titus 3:5] indwell [Romans 8:9] and REVEAL in them this Blessed, Glorious, Sinless Substitute. Christ indwells the believing sinner through Spirit-given-Faith: Ephesians 3:17. This is the Truth of the Gospel of Christ, as the Justifying Sacrifice FOR SIN, on which the believing sinner rests ALL his hope.

Ken Wimer

### Chastened but not Forsaken

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. <a href="lsa. 49:15">lsa. 49:15</a>

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

### **God's Justice and Grace**

ow God loved His people with His Everlasting Love [Christ Jesus] yet reckoned to them the sin of their federal head: the first Adam, explains God's justice. How God loved His Son, yet reckoned to Him the sin of His elect, explains God's grace. The justice of God and the grace of God met in the person & work of Christ finished on the cross.

# The Spirit which is of God

"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

(1 Corinthians 2:12)

appy and blessed are they who have not the spirit of the world ruling in their hearts but the Spirit of God, so that they may understand the things which are freely given to them, such as justification through the blood of Christ, pardon of our every sin, promises of help, support and strength to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil, with a certainty of our being more than conquerors through Him Who died that we might live, Who was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God **in** Him.

William Tiptaft 1833