

# Shreveport Grace Church

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## SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 97](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'The Purchase of Christ's Precious Blood'

Scripture Reading: [Deuteronomy 7](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 44- 'And Can It Be That I Should Gain?'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 5:6-12](#) (David)

Message: 'God's Love for Sinners'

Hymn # 67- 'How Can It Be?'

## 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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[www.shreveGrace.org](http://www.shreveGrace.org) and [www.sermonaudio.com/shreveportGracech](http://www.sermonaudio.com/shreveportGracech)

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')

O! Did the darling Son of God,  
For sinners deign to bleed?

The purchase of that precious blood,  
Must needs be rich indeed.

God's wisdom would not pay with toys,  
So great a price as this.

'Tis God-like glory, boundless joys,  
'Tis unexampled bliss.

Saints, raise your expectations high.

Hope all that Heav'n has good.

The blood of Christ has brought you nigh,  
Invaluable such blood.

Eye has not seen, nor ear has heard,  
Nor can the heart conceive.

What blessings are for them prepared,  
Who in the LORD believe.

By others, for their virtue fair,

Let rich rewards be sought.

Give me, my God, to freely share,

What thou hast freely bought.

## Waiting on the LORD

*“I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.  
Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.”*

[\(Psalm 27:13-14\)](#)

## God's Sovereign Love

*“And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee,  
and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee;  
and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.”*

[\(Exodus 33:19\)](#)

**T**here is no human love that could ever compare to the love of the LORD God for His people. As much as we may say we love our spouses and children, yet we must confess that it is many times conditional in how we show it. *“I will love you if you will just do this or that for me.”* The expression of our love is very erratic, unpredictable and selfish. Many times it depends on our mood at the moment.

Thankfully, the love of God for poor sinners in Christ is not like this. God's ways and thoughts are infinitely higher than ours and His love is unchanging from everlasting to everlasting toward His elect people. *“For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.”* [\(Psalm 103:11\)](#) Sadly, many portray the love of God in the same way as their love. *“These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself...”* [\(Psalm 50:21\)](#) How does God's love differ from what men naturally think?

1). Many say that God loves everyone equally and without exception. However, the Bible sets God's love forth as a distinctive, distinguishing love. *“Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated.”* [\(Romans 9:13\)](#) His love is particular, as it says in [Psalm 103:11](#): *“...toward them that fear him...”*

2). Many make God's love conditional upon man believing first. However, the Scripture says, *“We love him, because he first loved us.”* [\(1 John 4:19\)](#) If there is any faith, goodness or obedience in any sinner, it is because God first set His love on them. Left to own decision, none would ever love God, for *“There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”* [\(Romans 3:11\)](#)

3). Many would exalt God's love over His justice. They presumptuously think that God is too loving to send sinners to hell. They assume that if they just give their best effort His love will overlook their 'shortcomings'. How false this is! For God the Father to show His love toward sinners He needed to

deliver up His Son to redeem and justify them from the curse of the law. The LORD Jesus and His effectual death for the elect as their Substitute is the effect of His everlasting love for them and was not for everyone: “...when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.” ([John 13:1](#))

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## Our High and Merciful LORD God

**T**he LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high. [Isa. 33:5](#)

*The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.  
He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;  
that he may set him with princes. [Psa. 113:4-8](#)*

*God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,  
even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ,  
(by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together and made us sit together i  
n heavenly places in Christ Jesus. [Eph. 2:4-6](#)*

*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all,  
how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? For I am persuaded,  
that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,  
nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature,  
shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our LORD. [Rom. 8:32-39](#)*

Daily Light on the Daily Path

## Keeping the Sabbath

In a treatise, written by Robert Garner of The Old Faith Baptist Church in 1645, he had the following to say about the teaching of Scripture on the Sabbath. It is well worth our reading:

*“Therefore by Sabbath here, we are to understand the LORD Jesus only: Who alone is the Sabbath or Rest of believers under the Gospel. And to keep the Sabbath from polluting it, is to believe in Him only unto righteousness. For to do any work, I mean to seek righteousness or peace or reconciliation with God by any work is to pollute this Sabbath or this Rest by Whom alone, such as believe in Him, do and shall enjoy a glorious and everlasting rest.”*

Read the following references in light of the above interpretation and you will properly understand the meaning of keeping the Sabbath. It is to rest wholly in Christ alone!

***“For the Son of man is LORD even of the sabbath day.”*** ([Matthew 12:8](#)); ***“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days, Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”*** ([Colossians 2:16-17](#))

*Robert Garner / Ken Wimer*