

# Shreveport Grace Church

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## SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 98](#) (Bob)

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

Scripture Reading: [Galatians 3](#) (Robert)

Hymn # 215- 'Nor Silver nor Gold'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 5:12-21](#) (David)

Message: 'Condemnation and Salvation'

Hymn # 272- 'The Solid Rock'

## 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 # 217- 'Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness')

Praise 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!

## One Way Only

There is no other: ***"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*** ([Acts 4:12](#)) All the types and symbols of the Savior teach you this. There was one ark in the flood – but one and all perished save those who sailed in it. There was one altar in the temple – but one and no sacrifices were accepted but those offered there – the altar, as the Bible says, that sanctified the gift, [Matthew 23:19](#). There was one way through the depths of the Red Sea – but one and only where the water was held back by the hand of God [stood up in crystal walls] was a passage opened for those that were ready to perish. And even so, there is but One Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus [\[1 Timothy 2:5\]](#) as our catechism says, the Only Redeemer of God's elect is the LORD Jesus Christ

Thomas Guthrie

## The Shadow of Death

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."*

[\(Psalm 23:4\)](#)

Death is a subject that most people would rather not discuss. Yet, sooner or later, we all have to deal with it. What do the Scriptures teach us about this appointment that all sinners face?

- 1.) **Death is the consequence of Adam's disobedience, [Romans 5:12](#):** When Adam fell, his soul was immediately separated from God and he died spiritually, although he lived many hundreds more years, only to die physically. What the father is, so the children are and therefore it is the lot of every son of Adam to die as well, [Ecclesiastes 8:8](#).
- 2.) **Death is according to the LORD God's sovereign judgment and in His appointed time:** Though some deaths are considered 'untimely' our departure from this world is exactly according to the precision clock decreed by God and set in motion according to His sovereign will. Sometimes those wheels appear to turn slowly for some and more quickly for others but God's watch piece is never early or late, [Job 14:5](#).

**3.) For the elect of God, redeemed by the LORD Jesus, death is but a valley through which we must pass as sinners:** Because of the work of the LORD Jesus Christ in His life, death and resurrection, we do not despair. In reality, it is but a shadow of death and a shadow cannot hurt anyone. How so?

First, the LORD Jesus Christ conquered death for His people: [Romans 6:9](#); [Revelation 1:18](#). He has borne the curse of sin on their behalf and although they still must die physically, being still in their sinful flesh, yet, it is but a river that they must cross to reach the other side of glory. That river of death cannot hurt or defeat the believer so long as the head remains above the water. Christ the Head is seated victoriously in Heaven and therefore every believer is safe in Him, [Ephesians 1:19-20](#).

Second, the Glorious Hope of every believer is the LORD Jesus Christ Who will ultimately and fully abolish death at His glorious second coming, [1 Corinthians 15:26](#). What a Glorious Hope is Christ the King! He conquered sin, Satan, death, hell and the world therefore believers are: **“...more than conquerors through Him that loved us.”** ([Rom. 8:37](#))

Someone has said, *‘Although I am in peril of death, though amid dangers, deep as a valley, dark as a shadow and dreadful as death itself or rather, though I am under the arrests of death and have received the sentence of death within myself and have every reason to look upon myself as a dying man: **I will fear no evil** — I will not give way to my fears but will confidently rely upon the word and promise of God, persuaded that His Grace shall be sufficient for me and that He will make even death itself work for my good.’*

Ken Wimer

### **Approaching Unto God by Grace in Christ Alone**

**W**e have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him because he first loved us. [1 John 4:16-19](#)

**Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.** [Heb. 10:22](#)

**For through him we...have access by one Spirit unto the Father. [Eph. 2:18](#)**

**We have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. [Eph. 3:12](#)**

**Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. [Heb. 4:16](#)**

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

### **To Know Righteousness is to Know Christ**

***“Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.”***

***[\(Isaiah 51:7\)](#)***

**T**o know righteousness is to know Christ, or rather to be known by Him. God's people KNOW Christ because He is their Husband and He has loved them with everlasting love. The Law that He puts in the hearts of His people is not the law of Moses but rather the law of Faith, or the Doctrine of Christ. This law is contrary to the law of works which tells sinners to keep working to be saved and/or maintain salvation. The law of Faith proclaims that all of salvation is FINISHED in the person of Christ by the shedding of His blood on Calvary. The redeemed do not look to the law of Moses for justification and sanctification but to Christ alone ***Who is made unto us Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption!*** ***[\[1 Corinthians 1:30\]](#)***; ***“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”*** ***[\(Jeremiah 31:31-33\)](#)***

*Josh Barclay*