

# Shreveport Grace Church

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## SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 99](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Glory, Glory, I'm Forgiveness'

Scripture Reading: [Job 9](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 129- 'At the Cross'

Scripture Reading: [Exodus 33](#) (David)

Message: 'Beholding God's Glory'

Hymn # 193- 'No, Not Despairingly'

The LORD's Table

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

## 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 # 15- 'Brethren, We Have Met to Worship')

**G**lory, glory, I'm forgiven;  
All my sins are washed away.  
Christ, by His great blood redemption,  
All my sin has put away.

Sin imputed to my Savior,  
And He died upon the tree.  
As the Substitute for sinners,  
God will not impute to me.

Glory, glory, I'm accepted,  
Robed in Christ's own righteousness.  
I'm a child, an heir of Heaven,  
Saved by God's Almighty Grace.

Christ's obedience to the Father,  
Is imputed now to me.  
In God's sight I'm pure and holy,  
He declares me so to be.

## Strength and Peace in the LORD

**L***et him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me.* [Isa. 27:5](#)

*I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil. [Jer. 29:11](#)*

*There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked. [Is. 48:22](#)*

*In Christ Jesus ye who sometime were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace. [Eph. 2:13-14](#)*

*It pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell: and having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself. [Col. 1:19-20](#)*

*Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past...that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. [Rom. 3:24-26](#)*

*Trust ye in the LORD forever, for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength. [Isa. 26:4](#)*

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

## **The Flesh vs. The Spirit**

***“The flesh lusteth against the Spirit.”***

***[\(Galatians 5:17\)](#)***

**F**or millenniums, debates have raged over the struggle that takes place within the regenerated child of God and the origin of this conflict. There are basically three points of view. **First**, are those who believe that the struggle is a result of the Spirit slowly transforming the flesh into greater degrees of perfection. **Next**, are those who contend that the flesh is ever sinful and therefore cannot change but that what is created in the sinner is a whole new, sinless nature alongside that is just as holy as God. **Finally**, is what the Scriptures teach: that what is given to the elect child of God is the very Spirit of God Himself to indwell them as an earnest of their final redemption of the body and their glorification, when in the resurrection the body, soul and spirit are made sinless like Christ, [Ephesians 1:14](#).

This is the language of Scripture, plain and simple. The flesh lusteth [literally to continually turn against] the Spirit. It is not the Spirit's work to transform the flesh but rather to rule over it and direct it to submit to the righteousness of God in Christ. Scripture nowhere teaches that the flesh is in

any way transformed or that it is progressively becoming holier, [Romans 8:7](#). It will not and cannot change, being sinful and depraved from the beginning. Nor does the Scripture teach that some new sinless nature is created within the sinner. Rather, it is the Spirit of God Himself that indwells the elect child of God, according to Christ's promise in [John 14:17](#). The flesh wars against the Spirit but the Spirit also contends against the flesh, holding it in check and invincibly directing the heart and mind of the sinner to Christ. As someone once put it, *'The Spirit brings the sinner irresistibly against his will, to bow to Christ.'*

O! How Spirit-born sinners know the awful effects of sin. It is because of the Spirit of God in them that they cannot put any confidence in the flesh but rejoice in Christ Jesus alone and His blood and justifying righteousness for salvation, [Philippians 3:3](#). The Spirit-drawn sinner knows that he has no other righteousness than that charged to Him in the death of the LORD Jesus. None will ever say that they have ever believed, loved, or walked in a perfect manner, even for a moment. If there were a sinless nature created in you, wouldn't you expect that you would? The reality is that it is the Spirit of God in you that is holy, sinless and pure but as for our own mind, will and affection, they are wholly given over to sin, so that you cannot do the things that you would, [Gal. 5:17](#).

The more we are taught of the Spirit, the more we feel the sinfulness of the flesh and the more we rest only in Christ's blood and righteousness imputed in His death at Calvary. It is the Spirit's work to make us know the wickedness of our flesh but also the absolute glory of Christ as the Substitute and Satisfaction for sin and to look to Him as our ONLY and PERFECT righteousness!

*Ken Wimer*

## God's Purpose in Christ

***"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."***

[\(Ephesians 1:7\)](#)

**G**od's mind and purpose is in Christ. It was/is IN THE CROSS.

1. God cannot be known or understood apart from the cross.
2. Men in their sinfulness cannot be understood apart from the cross...the cross is God's judgment on all unrighteousness.
3. The cross is where the decrees from eternity were realized (transacted), YES and AMEN IN CHRIST BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD.
4. The cross is the prism to understand all that happened before it happened and all that will come after it...even your life here and now and what is to come.
5. Eternity is etched in the indelible ink [blood] of the cross.

6. The whole creation was to the service of Christ and His glory revealed on the cross.

7. Only the cross could make a new humanity, a new creation, not human obedience.

8. The cross was not just a place where the Son of God was hung...NO, it was both A COURTROOM and A DELIVERY ROOM.

i. A courtroom because all the legal transactions of our salvation were being transacted (sin imputed, sin debt paid, sin propitiated (God satisfied), righteousness imputed, possession of the bride, adoption of the bride perfected (holy and righteous). Bride adorned with the righteous garments of the Lamb, covered in the blood that God sees).

ii. The cross was a delivery room. It was the maternity ward...Jesus was like a woman giving birth to the church (blood and water: fluids of birth). Christ the New and Second Adam birthed His bride through the birth pangs of suffering.

iii. Jesus saw the labor of His soul and was satisfied (No stillbirth). Even God the Father was satisfied, that is why He put away our sins and doesn't remember them anymore.

***“For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”*** ([1 Cor. 2:2](#))

#### **Conclusion:**

IT IS ABOUT THE CROSS. The whole Bible is leading us to the Christ of the Cross: your Salvation, your Hope, your Joy and your Inheritance. CAMP AT THE CROSS. THAT IS THE ONLY PLACE OF REFUGE FOR SINNERS.

*James Guyo*