# **Shreveport Grace Church**

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#### SUNDAY

Live Streaming (Audio and Video)

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book Scripture Reading: <u>Psalm 103</u> (Robert) Call to Worship: 'Faith 'tis a Precious Grace' Scripture Reading: <u>2 Corinthians 3</u> (Bob) Hymn # 509- 'The Sands of Time are Sinking' Scripture Reading: <u>Exodus 33:14-23</u> (David) Message: 'A Closer Look at God's Glory' Hymn # 258- 'He Hideth My Soul' The LORD's Table Hymn # 488- 'My Redeemer'

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP** 

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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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Audio Messages Available 24/7 On-Line

www.shreveGrace.org and www.sermonaudio.com/shreveportGracech

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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 # 187- 'Blest Be the Tie that Binds')

aith! 'Tis a Precious Grace, Where'er it is bestowed. It boasts of a celestial birth, And is the Gift of God.

> Jesus, it owns a King, Our All-sufficient Priest. It claims no merits of its own, But looks for ALL in Christ.

To Him it leads the soul, When filled with deep distress. Flies to the fountain of His blood, And trusts His righteousness.

> Since 'tis Thy work alone, And that Divinely free, Come, Holy Spirit, and make known, Thy power of Grace in me.

## Thy Faith Hath Made Thee Whole

*"Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, 'Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.'* And the woman was made whole from that hour."

(Matthew 9:22)

e addressed her in a kind and tender manner, calling her 'daughter'; an affable, courteous way of speaking, used by the Jewish doctors when speaking to women: which showed His affection and bespoke His relation and bidding her take heart and be of good cheer since He meant not to blame her for what she had done but to commend her faith in Him whereby she had received a cure; meaning, not that there was such virtue in her faith as to effect such a cure but that He, the Object of her faith, had performed it for her.

John Gill

### Faith's Work

#### "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power..."

(2 Thessalonians 1:11)

aul prays that the Thessalonian church, having been chosen and set apart in Christ, be made by God's Spirit to walk worthy of their calling and that He would fulfill all of His good pleasure and goodness in them through THE WORK OF FAITH with power.

Another way of reading Paul's prayer is that the same God Who had chosen, redeemed, justified and called them would continue to count them worthy of *this* calling and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness toward them and in them, through THE WORK OF FAITH with power. 'Counted worthy' not for anything in them to merit His Grace but worthy to bear the name of Christ by His Grace alone: the bloodshed of the LORD Jesus, they being numbered among those that He has saved and justified by His Son's work alone. The work of FAITH, therefore:

- Exalts God as sovereign in ALL things (creation, providence, salvation and judgment): Romans 11:36.
- Testifies that man is nothing and shows him dead in his sins, unable to come to Christ in repentance, apart from the Spirit of God drawing him to Christ: John 6:44.

- Teaches redemption, justification, sanctification and complete forgiveness of sins by the death of the LORD Jesus Christ alone, <u>1 Corinthians 1:30</u>.
  His perfect obedience unto death accomplished the salvation of His people once and for all: <u>Hebrews 9:12-15</u>.
- Attributes believing, love and hope to the Irresistible Grace of God, produced by the Spirit of God. These are gifts of God to those He chose and redeemed: <u>Titus 3:5-6</u>.
- Keeps God's children in the Way, persevering in THE FAITH once delivered to the saints: <u>Jude 3</u>. Any who hear and turn away, fully and finally never were His: <u>Hebrews 10:38-39</u>.

This is that FAITH, once delivered unto the saints [Jude 1:3] that is the very DOCTRINE of Christ and Him crucified [1 Corinthians 2:1-4] in which all whom God has saved and called stand. It is the complete and authoritative WORD by which God has once and for all declared as His express will to save and justify sinners in One Way alone. That is through the death of His Son. This is THE FAITH that has always been communicated to His elect through the preaching and teaching of His servants, by His Holy Spirit, through His inspired Word. There is salvation in no other and in no other way than Christ's finished work at the cross.

Ken Wimer

#### **God's Chastening**

#### 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. <u>Heb. 12:7-8</u>

The LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <u>Deut. 13:3</u>

The LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. <u>1 Sam. 12:22</u> 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. <u>Isa. 49:15</u>

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. <u>Luke 18:7-8</u>

Daily Light on the Daily Path

#### Who Makes You to Differ from Thousands?

ermit me to ask my dear sister – who taught you that you were miserable, wretched, blind, naked, sin-ruined and law-condemned? And that you must perish forever without a saving interest in Precious Jesus? Who showed you the worth of your never-ending soul, that if your soul was safe endlessly, it did not much matter how things were as to your body, during this momentary state of your little inch of time? Who gave you such a high esteem of Christ, the Friend of sinners? Have you always had such a living sensation of these things? If not, how did you come by this? Who gave it to you? Who makes you differ from thousands, on your right hand and on your left, who, insensible of their own misery as sinners and of the excellency of Christ as the Savior, seek no higher happiness than the empty enjoyments of this perishing life?

Oh, dear sister, have not you cause to adore the rich, free, distinguishing Grace of God [Christ Jesus] to you Who opened your eyes, while numbers round about you are blinded by sin and Satan? You have seen your unspeakable misery without Christ and His immense and eternal excellency of God to make you incomparably happy unto endless glory! You have been drawn by His all-conquering love having been bought by His blood, to be entirely and forever His. The Altogether Lovely Jesus is your Beloved and He is your Friend and in Him you have and shall have, a Well of Life and ocean of inexhaustible and endless bliss!

"By the grace of God I am what I am." (1 Cor. 15:10)

Letters of Ann Dutton (1692)