

Shreveport Grace Church

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SCRIPTURE ALONE · GRACE ALONE · CHRIST ALONE

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SUNDAY

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

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalms 119:9-16](#) (Robert)

Call to Worship: 'Rejoice, Ye Saints, Rejoice'

Scripture Reading: [2 Timothy 4](#) (Bob)

Hymn # 67- 'How Can It Be?'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 10:1-15](#) (Aaron)

Message: 'Why Preach the Gospel?'

Hymn # 224- 'I Know Whom I Have Believed'

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](#)

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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 # 143- 'Rejoice, the LORD is King!')

Rejoice, ye saints, rejoice,
In Christ, our Glorious Head.

With heart and soul and voice,
His matchless honors spread.
Exalt His love, proclaim His name,
And sweetly sing the Lamb once slain.

The blood and righteousness,
Of the Incarnate Word.
The Wisdom, Truth and Grace,
Of your exalted LORD.
Unite, with the Immortal Voice,
To bid the saints of God rejoice.

God's promise and His oath,
And covenant of Grace,
Abide secure enough,
To all the chosen race.
And with a solemn, Heavenly Voice
Inspire believers to rejoice.

The whole of Deity.
With all His Grace contains,
In sweetest harmony,
A solemn joy proclaims.
The Father, Word and Spirit's Voice,
Unite to bid the saints rejoice.

Rest in Christ and His Finished Work Alone

When sinners become convinced by the Spirit in regeneration that Christ “put away sin”, “abolished death” and everlastingly justified EVERY sinner for whom He lived and died, they WILL HEED the Spirit’s exhortation to REST in the work of Christ ALONE. They will heed the Spirit’s command to stop looking WITHIN for any part of their standing before God: **“Let not sin reign, but yield yourselves to God...”** and **“Let not sin therefore REIGN...”** and **“Neither YIELD ye your members...”** ([Romans 6:12-14](#)) These are present imperatives (ongoing commands). Do not CONTINUE to let sin keep you endeavoring to work out your righteousness before God. An example in [Romans 10:1-3](#): Hear the Righteousness of God REVEALED in the Gospel. Submit to It and repent of ever thinking you could make ANY contribution to your standing before God.

Unknown Source

Public Prayer

“I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.” ([1 Timothy 2:8](#))

While it is the privilege of all of God’s children to pray to Him and we have the example of the prayers of both men and women recorded in Scripture, yet, because Paul is here speaking of public prayer in the assembly, it is addressed particularly to men everywhere and the Spirit through whom they are to pray.

“Men everywhere”: shows that it is not limited to men of certain titles. Some organizations limit public prayer to pastors, elders or deacons who may be officially recognized and ordained to those offices. Because of a certain authority imposed upon them by some institution or organization, they are set above the people in a ‘clergy’ and ‘laity’ distinction. However, we do not find any such distinctions in Scripture concerning authority being conferred based on title, education nor position as conferred by men.

Having made that statement: there are two qualifications imposed by God the Spirit on any man who would lead the congregation in worship.

“Lifting up holy hands”: These are men who evidence their justification (declared righteousness) before God through faith in His Son and His finished work at Calvary. The thief on the cross addressed such a prayer to God in crying, **“Remember me when thou comest into Thy kingdom...”** ([Luke 23:42](#)) He had nothing in himself as holiness to recommend him to God but Christ’s acknowledgment of him as accepted by His imputed

righteousness was sufficient for Him. The publican addressed such a prayer, lifting holy hands in crying, **“Be merciful to me a sinner.”** ([Luke 18:13](#)) He looked to the Mercy Seat, a type of Christ’s propitiation as his only righteousness before God, [1 John 2:2](#).

“Without wrath and doubting”: Prayer is to be offered to God in an attitude of quietness, peace and faith by those who know themselves redeemed and justified by the blood of Christ and called out by His Spirit. They know to Whom their prayers are addressed (the ALL-Sovereign God) and believe that He hears and answers according to His will. Trouble, turmoil and conflict in a congregation may at times cause someone to lash out in prayer, scold or even doubt God’s presence. Nonetheless, may we ever pray to God in the same Spirit as the church gathered in the first century, trusting God’s sovereign will and purpose as found in [Acts 4:23-31](#), without an angry and unforgiving temper towards others or circumstances.

Ken Wimer

The LORD Our Shepherd

He led them forth by the right way. [Psa. 107:7](#)

He found [Jacob] in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the LORD alone did lead him. [Deut. 32:10-12](#)

Even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. [Isa.46:4](#)

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 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. [Psa. 23:3-4](#)

The LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. [Isa. 58:11](#)

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. [Psa. 48:14](#)

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Who are the Righteous?

*“The righteous shall be glad in the LORD and shall trust in Him;
and all the upright in heart shall glory.”*

[\(Psalm 64:10\)](#)

In what way is a man made righteous before God? I answer, he is not made so by any good works proceeding from himself, by his prayers, duties, obedience nor by his faith and love to the LORD. God has made him righteous in His Way and He has revealed it in the Word of His Grace. There we find that He has in Sovereign Mercy and Discriminating Grace, imputed to and laid upon the Beloved Surety all the sin and transgression of His chosen inheritance and attributed to them all the obedience, righteousness and holiness of His Beloved Son, placing it to their account as their justification: here it is that they are exclusively righteous before God: **“Of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”** [\(1 Cor. 1:30\)](#) So nothing belonging to the poor soul can be his righteousness before God. It is not his humility and prayers nor his love, faith and communion with God that makes him so. Neither can his fretfulness, peevishness, unbelief nor all the devilish workings of his heart ever shake or alter it. What a blessing is this! If you and I are among the righteous, it is because we are made so in Christ.

John Warburton