

# 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:** [Psalm 129](#) (Robert)

**Call to Worship:** 'It Is Finished'

**Scripture Reading:** [Luke 16](#) (Bob)

**Hymn # 475-** Redeemed

**Scripture Reading:** [1 Corinthians 2:1-5](#) (David)

**Message:** 'The Testimony of God'

**Hymn # 46-** 'O For a Thousand Tongues'

## 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 # 99- 'Angels, from the Realms of Glory')

't is finished!' Sinners hear it,  
'Tis the dying Victor's cry.  
'It is finished!' Angels bear it,  
Bear the joyful Truth on high.  
'It is finished!' 'It is finished!',  
Tell it through the earth and sky.

Justice from her awful station,  
Bars the sinner's peace no more.  
Justice views with approbation,  
What the Savior did and bore.  
Grace and Mercy, Grace and Mercy,  
Now display His boundless store.

Hear the LORD Himself declaring,  
All performed He came to do.  
Sinners, in yourselves despairing,  
This is Joyful News to you.  
Jesus speaks it, Jesus speaks it,  
His are faithful words and true.

'It is finished!' All is over,  
Yes, the cup of wrath is drained.  
Such the Truth these words discover,  
Thus the victory was obtained.  
'Tis a vict'ry, 'Tis a vict'ry,  
None but Jesus could have gained.

## Defiling the Temple of God

*“If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”* ([1 Corinthians 3:17](#))

The most common interpretation of defiling the temple of God is that the temple represents the individual bodies of believers and therefore you better be careful what you put in them. It is true that our bodies are the LORD's and we should care for them (health and sanity) being ever mindful that we are not our own but we are bought with a Price, [1 Corinthians 6:20](#). Nevertheless, in this context, the temple is not the individual body of believers but the Church of the Redeemed. When Paul writes, *“which temple ye are”* ‘temple’ is singular and ‘ye’ is plural. It is referring to that body of believers that the LORD Jesus Christ redeemed at Calvary and whose righteous obedience was imputed once for all to them upon completion of His death at the cross. He is ALL their holiness.

So how is it that anyone might be guilty of defiling the temple and in so doing God will destroy? The previous context is with reference to preachers who rather than exalt the person and work of the LORD Jesus and uphold His honor and glory, bring into the church strange doctrines [\[Leviticus 10:1\]](#) and thereby introduce a way of worship that is contrary to what God has ordained and revealed in His Word. Here are three different ways that men have historically defiled the temple of God and God has destroyed the works of their hands:

1.) **By the wisdom of the world**, through philosophy and vain deceit, [Col. 2:8](#). A little leaven leavens the whole lump and there are those who introduce it quietly and subtly into their preaching that eventually leads hearers' minds away from the Inspired Word into traditions, customs and natural thinking regarding God, salvation and eternal matters. Slowly but surely, men and their commentaries or denominational traditions become the standard, not the Word of God.

2.) **By bringing in false doctrines**, errors and heresies, corrupting minds from the simplicity that is in Christ. Beware of those who would diminish in any way the sanctity, honor, glory and perfection of Christ's person as the Sinless One, [Heb. 7:26](#). Beware of those who would make righteousness, holiness, or acceptance with God on any other foundation than that imputed in His effectual death alone [\[1 Cor. 1:30\]](#) and revealed in the heart by the Spirit of God, [Romans 1:17](#). Beware of those who insist on conditions of righteousness and what men must do, or have in them, in order to make their acceptance with God a reality. NO! The temple IS holy because of its Great High Priest and His effectual sacrifice alone, by Whom we have been made accepted in the Beloved, [Ephesians. 1:6-7](#).

3.) **By causing factions and divisions among the brethren**, preferring their own honor, or the honor of men above the Truth [\[John 5:44-47\]](#) and putting their own authority above the LORD's in their dealings with His sheep, forgetting Whose sheep they are, [1 Peter 5:2-3](#).

Thankfully, all that are the LORD's that He has chosen in Grace, redeemed and justified by His blood and righteousness imputed and called by His blessed Holy Spirit, can never be removed from that Foundation. All others will find themselves in opposition to God Himself and must most certainly be destroyed.

*Ken Wimer*

## **Begotten Again by the Resurrection of the LORD Jesus**

**C**hrist the firstfruits. [1 Cor. 15:23](#)

***Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone:  
but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. [John 12:24](#)***

***If the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. [Rom. 11:16](#)***

***Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept. [1 Cor. 15:20](#)***

***If we have been planted together in the likeness of his death,  
we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. [Rom. 6:5](#)***

***The LORD Jesus Christ..shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body,  
according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. [Phil. 3:20-21](#)***

***The firstborn from the dead. [Col. 1:18](#)***

***If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*** [Rom. 8:11](#)

***I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.*** [John 11:25](#)

*Daily Light on the Daily Path*

***“Must Yet be Accomplished...”***

[\(Luke 22:37\)](#)

What was yet to be accomplished? It was His *reckoning among the transgressors*. He wasn't reckoned among the transgressors until He hung suspended between Heaven and earth between two thieves. Consider two conclusions. First, this event was purposed before the foundation of the world and prophesied in time but not *accomplished* until the obedience of Christ unto death. Secondly, Christ was not a transgressor but was *among the transgressors*. 'Reckon' means impute; He was among transgressors by imputation not practice. All other Scriptures are subservient to this Truth. Less clear passages are understood in light of the clearest passages. Furthermore, the LORD chose this passage to declare the goal and method of His work. When the sin of the elect was reckoned to Christ, righteousness was established, accepted and imputed by the Father. How could righteousness be imputed before it was established and accepted? Of course, it couldn't, hence there was no justification before the foundation of the world.

This passage lands a deathblow to two false doctrines: first, eternal justification; secondly, Christ was a sinner. Our LORD's choice of words: 'accomplished' and 'end' are the same word. Both are good translations of the original word. However, it finds its richest and fullest meaning in our LORD's declaration: 'it is finished', [John 19:30](#). Now, that is plain language! That which was not 'yet' before the cross; was 'finished' by the cross!

*David Simpson*