

## Interview with SA Music Scene – October 2003

{w} Who are the members of the Glorious Dregs and what's their weapon of choice?

*David* – vocals / guitar

*Royce* – bass guitar

*Jeff* – drums

*Chris* – acoustic guitar

{w} For the people who have never seen or heard of the Glorious Dregs, how would you describe your band and music?

*David* – We are an indie rock band that integrates many of the components that we like to build our music. For example, we employ both acoustic and electric guitars, add bluesy leads to driving punk rock tunes, and we mix funky beats and falsetto vocal accents with overdriven power chords.

Also, all of the members of the band are Christians of various denominations and that is reflected in our lyrics.

{w} How did you come up with the name, “the Glorious Dregs”?

*David* – I got the idea for the name from a song by a band called the *Swirling Eddies*. Basically, it's an attempt to describe the paradox that each of us as humans are.

{w} How would you categorize your music?

*Chris* – We have bluesy / jazzy tunes for the older folks and harder rock / punk for the younger generation, a little something for everyone. ;)

*David* – I would categorize our music as indie rock or maybe alternative roots rock, but just like Chris says, we do try to mix it up as much as possible.

{w} How long has this band been together and a part of the SA music scene?

*David* – We started with just Royce, Jeff and I in March of 2003 and our first gig was 4/4/2003.

*Chris* – I joined the band in August 2003 and it was really nice NOT having to build a band from scratch.

{w} How is the band doing in the SA music scene? How is the audience reacting to the band?

**David** – We are just now starting to hit our stride. We didn't get great response at some of our first shows, but more and more people seem to be appreciating what we are trying to do.

{w} Do you have a CD or demo available?

**David** – Yes we do. It's called "*Nothing New*". The CD contains 20 songs, over 70 minutes of music. The only current band member who appears on the CD, besides me, is Royce. Right now, it's only available on the web at [www.burntrecords.com/store](http://www.burntrecords.com/store) and at our shows.

{w} What is each of your favorite songs on the CD?

**Chris** – I LOVE our song "*No*".

**Royce** – Mine would have to be "*Big God*".

**Jeff** – I have a couple I enjoy listening to, "*No*" and "*Missionary Man*".

**David** – I like the way "*I Love You*" came out.

{w} What about favorite song to play live?

**Royce** – Definitely "*Our Worship*", it's a slow starting groove that doesn't speed up, but builds into a powerful swing.

**Jeff** – I would say our funkier song, "*Brand New Day*".

**David** – For me, it would probably be one of the new songs, maybe "*Pretty People*".

**Chris** – Definitely "*Pretty People*".

{w} What's next for the Glorious Dregs?

**David** – We are going to keep gigging and hopefully record a new album within a year.

**Chris** – I'm looking forward to hitting the studio soon to work on our next album.

{w} What would you like to see happen to the group?

**Chris** – I would love to build a solid fan base in the SA area then start building up a fan base in my hometown of DFW.

**David** – I agree, whether we do it with or without a major label record deal.

{w} What has been the hardest obstacle to overcome?

*David* – Discouragement and negativity in general. It's hard to stay positive when there are so many factors working against us, like for example, reality. ;)

*Royce* – You have to be really motivated and dedicated to the cause, since most gigs are basically non-paying, you can't be in it for the money.

*Jeff* – I agree, reality really hits us sometimes. We had a rough start, but now things are moving forward at a nice pace.

*Chris* – One of the most discouraging things for me is playing for small crowds. I would love for some of your readers to come check us out at our next show.

{w} How does the band prepare for each show?

*David* – We try to remind ourselves to stay confident and most importantly, have fun!

*Chris* – I pray that I don't break any strings. ;) We had a bad experience at one of our shows...

{w} Who are some of your favorite local bands?

*David* – *Chris Taylor* and *Reuben V.* have been major inspirations for me. I've also enjoyed working with *Vertical Focus*.

*Royce* – *Reuben V. & Papawood* put on some great shows.

{w} What is your definition of "success"?

*Chris* – I would say we were successful if even one person came up to us after a show and said that they were touched on a personal level.

*David* – to reach our full potential as a band

{w} What would have to happen for you to feel that you're living your dreams?

*David* – I'd be living my dreams if I could quit my day job and devote my life to music... without starving. ;)

*Royce* – Yeah, to be able to live off the music, that would be living the dream.

*Jeff* – Just knowing that I will never have to "work" again...

{w} Anything else you would like to say to the readers?

*David* – We are doing what we can to add to the scene here in SA and we plan on being here for the long haul. Please do what YOU can to support the scene.

*Chris* – Check out our website, [www.gloriousdregs.com](http://www.gloriousdregs.com), and come support us at our shows. Also, don't be afraid to approach any of us before or after the show. God bless.