

December 11, 2011

SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Of Princeton, New Jersey

Jesus Christ

For by Him were all things created,
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible ...

And He is before all things,
and by Him all things consist.
- Colossians 1:16-17

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class
11:00 AM Morning Service
Thursday: 7:00 PM Mid-week Service

WEB ADDRESS

Be sure to bookmark our website for daily articles and audio messages:
www.FreeGraceMedia.com

WEEKLY MEETING LOCATION

Rocky Hill Firehouse, 2nd floor
150 Washington Street
Rocky Hill, NJ 08553

MAILING ADDRESS

7 Birch Street
Pennington, NJ 08534

Phone: 615-513-4464 | Email: clay@freegracemedia.com

If you would like to receive this bulletin sent weekly to your email
then send a note to the email address above.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15 Bible Study

Short Break

11:00 Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymns

ANNOUNCEMENT--We will plan to have one service on Sunday, December 25 at 11 am.

The Character of a Disciple of Christ

It is the character of a disciple of Christ who sits at the feet of the Divine Master to be taught, not to demur, much less dispute, least of all to deny any branch of Divine truth because it is not explained in the manner or circumstance of its existence. There is no man who is convinced of the infinite disparity between him, and the Most High God who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven that will venture to contend with Him on any testimony of His word because he cannot understand how the thing attested is true. It is sufficient to him that God speaks. Once, he might have called it fanatical fancy, but now the glory of the Divine character so occupies and satisfies his mind that he feels it to be the noblest act of reason to place implicit confidence in the testimony of Him who is the first cause and last end of all things. And the more salvation of Christ is enjoyed in his soul, the more this temper prevails in his bosom. In his religious profession there is no temporizing hesitancy, but a steady firmness that is honorable to the truth on which he depends—a firmness that is not shattered with the frowns, nor melted by the favors of those around him, because it is supplied by the fullness of Christ. The truth, he feels to be the ground of his confidence and of his solid hope for time and Eternity. Being brought to the full assurance of understanding to the “acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and the Father, and of Christ,” from thence he shall never be moved, because the Lord is on his side.

Robert Hawker

ALL YOUR NEED

Philippians 4:19

The believer needs what a newborn baby needs: to be cleaned, clothed, fed, and sheltered. Our needs may take on more complexity, but this is the essential need from the first hour to the last.

We Need to be Cleaned

All God's elect children are born filthy in sin (Ez 16:4-9). Spiritual life begins with the washing of regeneration (Ti 3:5). When the Spirit washes us we behold we are washed by the blood of Christ (1 Co 6:11; He 9:26; Is 4:4; Zec 13:1). How often the believer finds ourselves defiled in sin but the Lord will not allow his child to look to any other fountain for cleansing (Ps 51:7; 1 Jn 1:7). God is faithful and just to forgive us our sin, cleansing us and speaking to our hearts, "*Your sins and iniquities I remember no more.*" Paul says to you who are washed in the blood of the Lamb, "my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

We Need to be Clothed

God clothes us in the righteousness of Christ Jesus (Ez 16:8; 2 Co 5:21). In the garden God not only slew the animal and made coats of skins, but God clothed them. God puts the best robe on his prodigal sons—Christ our Righteousness (Is 61:10; Ro 4:6-7). Paul says of every believer whom our Lord has clothed in this seamless garment, "my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

We Need to be Fed

The child of God needs to be brought up in the nourishment and admonition of the Lord, the gospel of the grace of God in truth (Col 1:6). Even as the new birth is through his Word (1 Pet 1: 23-25) so too, God grows us by the sincere milk of the Word (1 Pet 2:2-3). We never stop needing to eat the Bread from heaven. Our Lord has shown us an example of it in the natural order of things. The mother

feeds her newborn baby milk which comes from food she has eaten which was given her by her husband. Even as the child grows she continues to put food on the table provided by her husband. So the family grows. Christ is the Husband of his bride who provides food for each believer through the gospel and our Husband births his elect to newness of life and continues to nourish as only he can so that from “the Head all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God” (Col 2:19). Paul says of all the children whom the Lord has given this hunger for the infinite feast which finite bread can no longer satisfy, “my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

We Need to be Sheltered

The storms of life become more complex. They take on various forms, within and without. But no matter if the believer is increased of the Lord with material possessions in this world or if it is the will of our Lord that we possess little; no matter if it is the will of the Lord that we are in good health or otherwise; the believer’s Shelter is always the same—the Lord our Refuge (Is 8:13-14; Ps 46:1-2; Pr 18:10). Our closest loved ones may cause our greatest sorrow for a woman may forget her suckling child. But our Lord, never! (Is 49:15; Ps 27:10; He 4:16; Phi 4: 6-7, 19) Paul says to you whom the triune God of glory has saved out of the field of loathing into the warmth and protection of our heavenly Father’s house, “my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Someone wrote long ago, “The more any object is to us a source of sweet delight and contemplation, the more strongly do we desire its presence, and the more restless are we in its absence.” How true of the believer’s desire for uninterrupted communion with our blessed Redeemer!