

January 8, 2012

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

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10:15 a.m. **Bible Class:** *The Light of Thy Countenance (Ps 4:6)*

11:00 a.m. **Service**

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message: *Nature of Grace (Is 45:8)*

Closing Hymns

January Birthdays: Mary Ann Lutter—17th; Vincent D—18th; John K—27th

WHY DID GOD CALL YOU?

Isaiah 45:3-6

Here are three reasons God calls his child to life in Christ:

1. For you personally (v. 3)—*that thou mayest know*. Before God worked grace in your heart, the riches of Christ were hidden unto you. What a blessing that God would regenerate and fill you with the riches of knowing your salvation is accomplished by Christ!
2. For God's elect (v. 4)—*For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have called thee by thy name*. God has given you the riches of Christ that you might be zealous in this most gracious privilege which God has given you. Namely, to be an instrument in his hand to send forth the gospel for the elect whom God has yet to call out of darkness as well as for the present help of those here, and in other places, whom he has already called.
3. For his glory (v. 5-6)—*I am the LORD, and there is none else*. His own praise and honor is the reason God called you. To glorify God is to have Abraham's assurance, "God will provide himself..." (Gen 22: 8).

WHAT SCRIPTURE TO PREACH?

I found upon the vestry table this morning a letter requesting me to preach from a certain text, "Jesus wept." The writer of that letter must know very little of the perplexities and exercises that I and every minister of truth have with respect to the texts that we preach from. I cannot take a text, and speak from it in the mere exercise of my judgment. Before I can take a text, and preach from it, I must have three things. First, I must see a vein of experience in it; in other words, I must have light upon it: secondly, I must find a measure of sweetness and savor in it; I must know something personally of the experience contained in it, and feel a measure of dew and unction to rest upon it; in other words, I must have life from it: and thirdly, I must find in it sufficient matter to form a tolerably full and connected discourse. I cannot run here, there, and everywhere all through the scriptures, nor deal in vague, loose generalities: but as far as the Lord gives me wisdom, strength, and ability, my path is to unfold the mind of the Spirit in such portions of the scripture as are commended with some savor to my conscience. In making these remarks, I wish not to condemn other gracious men who are led differently. Each has his own path and his own work: and God will bless each according to that line in which he leads him.

JC Philpot

IN THEE DO I PUT MY TRUST

Psalm 7:1

What is my trust? My trust includes my confidence and hope in God. It includes what I am entrusting to God: my eternal soul. The Holy Spirit teaches his child how God is worthy of all trust by showing us the great work of redemption God has performed in perfect trust between God the Father and his Son, Christ Jesus.

The Trust of God

An earthly trust tries to imitate heavenly trust. Property is transferred by one party to be held by another party for the benefit of a third party. For example a father makes his eldest son a trustee of all his estate. When the father gives it over to his son the father trusts his son and the son his father. The son gives the inheritance to the rest of the children at the time appointed. In the everlasting covenant of grace God the Father entrusted Christ Jesus to glorify his name in the salvation of chosen sinners. The Father promised to honor the Son and Christ Jesus promised to honor the Father, laying down his life to put away the sin of the children of God to make them the righteousness of God in him and to give to them the inheritance of eternal life. The third party who benefits from this trust is the elect children chosen of God and given to Christ for whom Christ has finished the whole work entrusted to him (Rom 8: 29-30).

Perfect Trust Manifest

Beholding God the Father and his Son Christ Jesus the Holy Spirit teaches his child the trustworthiness of God. Christ honored the Father's trust by coming into the earth at the appointed time and accomplishing the justification of his people through his death at Calvary. The Father honored the Son's trust bearing witness of him, pouring out the Holy Spirit upon him, raising him from the dead and giving to his Son the inheritance promised (Jn 17:1-5). When the command comes in power, being born of the Spirit of God, those who put their trust in Christ receive the promise of free inheritance--"joint-heirs with Christ." (Rom 8:17; Is 54:7).

Put Your Trust in Christ

Do not put your trust in man "for wherein is he to be accounted of?" (Is 2:22; Ps 7:1) "I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right" (Is 45:19). Trusting God the Father is to trust the one God trusted, his Son, Christ Jesus (Jn 5:23; 12:44). No one that trusts Christ shall ever be ashamed (Is 45:17). God is worthy of trust!