

January 15, 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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15 a.m. Bible Study

Short Break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymns

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Don Fortner is scheduled to preach for us on Friday, July 13 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 14 at 10 a.m.

THE LORD WILL BE WITH YOU

Isaiah 43:2

I feel inadequate to write about trials. Many of my brethren have, and are suffering, so much more. But it is my hope that this word of our God will be a comfort. Brethren, as surely as our trials are ruled by the God of all grace, our Savior promises to be with his elect as real as we were in Christ when he walked this earth and bore the deep waters and fire of judgment on our behalf in his own body on the tree (Ps 69:2, 14; Ro 3:23-26). He has walked where we are walking and is touched with the feelings of our infirmities (He 2:17; 4:15). Whether we suffer the water and fire of family trouble (John 1:11; 7:3-7), not having a place to lay our head (Lu 12:29-32), physical pain (Mt 27:39; Mk 15:29), whatever the trial. And because God satisfied himself in his Son on our behalf, note this most precious promise, brethren, we shall “pass through.” What comfort! Not one of Christ’s redeemed children shall be plucked from his hand but by his all-sufficient grace we shall be kept (Ps 121:1-8; He 13:5; Mt 28:20; 2 Tim 4:18; 2 Co 4:16-5:1). As painful as the waters and fire may be now we will rejoice after we pass through (Mt 5:8). May our gracious Father strengthen his suffering children to see the Salvation of our Lord (Ex 14:13-14; Jos 3:8-11, 17).

Some people would have us believe that if we preach pure grace it will lead people to licentious living. They say if we remove the law as a guide or motivation for Christian living, people will have nothing to keep them holy. They say to tell a person to just follow Christ doesn't provide enough structure and will lead people to careless living. Is that where the gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ Jesus leads? Grace preachers have always been, and always will be, falsely accused of this devilish lie. The apostle Paul spent most of his time defending the gospel of grace against this lawmongers view of self-righteousness. "What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." Rom 6:15 No, grace does not lead to sin, **grace leads to Christ**. He is able by the law of love and faith to restrain our flesh and make us His workmanship.

Greg Elmquist

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” (Col. 4:6). When Paul wrote those words, he was not just urging us to talk ABOUT the grace of God (this we will do), he is telling us that our speech and general conversation should reveal the grace of God in us and be “good to the ear and a blessing to the heart.” Hard words reveal a hard heart; unkind, cutting remarks reveal a bitter spirit; cursing reveals an unregenerate soul. Grace is to the speech what salt is to meat – it makes it acceptable, profitable and useful! Grace in the heart will not only determine WHAT WE SAY, but also HOW WE SAY IT. There are plenty of folks who have made a study of the doctrines of grace whom we avoid because they usually manage somehow to offend, hurt, and uselessly wound even the Lord's people. God forbid that we should add to the burdens and sorrows of God's children by our sharp tongues!

Henry Mahan

Some Helpful Hints on Witnessing

Don Fortner

Those who are truly born-again have an earnest desire to see others brought to a saving faith in Christ. But frequently they find themselves in the situation of a friend who wrote to me this week, perplexed about how to affectively minister to their family and friends, without the pressures of modern world be soul-winners. We want more for our friends than a religious experience, produced by easy believism and decisionism. We want them to know Christ! Let me give some suggestions.

1. Pray for them! We know that salvation is of the Lord. He must convict. He must create an interest in the gospel. He must regenerate. He must reveal Christ. He must give faith. Pray that God will give you the wisdom and the opportunity to speak a word for Christ, in his time and by his Spirit.

2. Tell them what the Lord has done for you. Make certain that you give Christ all the honor and glory. Speak not so much of your faith as you do of his grace. Tell them of Christ's death, his resurrection, and his saving power. Avoid arguments over denominations, systems of doctrine, and unanswerable questions. Tell what you know and no more. Do not be afraid to say, "I don't know". God will bless his Word. So always point men to the Scriptures, rather than what you think, or what you have heard.

3. Give your friends a taped sermon, a good tract or booklet or a church paper. Be sure that you have heard the sermon and read the material you pass out.

4. Invite them to come with you to hear the Word. Be sure that your invitation is understood. You do not want them to come to Sunday School or church as a matter of duty, or merely as a favor to you. You want them to hear what the pastor has to say about God's character, man's sin, and salvation in Christ. This is the means which God has ordained, by which he saves them that believe.