

June 3, 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: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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10:15 a.m. Bible Study:

Short Break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message:

Closing Hymns

ANNOUNCEMENT: Don Fortner is scheduled to preach for us Thursday-Saturday, July 19-21, 7:30pm Th & Fri and 10:00am Sat.

June Bdays: Alexis-2nd; Carol-7th; Art-7th; Michelle-7th; Sharon-13th; AJ-26th

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Sinners often object that God is unrighteous for choosing to save ungodly rebels by his grace because in doing so he passes by multitudes. But God is not withholding something from the multitudes that perish. Multitudes perish in unbelief because they do not want God or his way of salvation accomplished by Christ Jesus. The Lord said, “this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.” (Jn 3:19-20) He said, “ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.” (Jn 5:39-40) Sinner, if you want eternal life then believe on Christ and you shall be saved. The question is not, “What about the multitudes that will not believe on Christ?” the question is “What about you? Will you?”

OUR ATTITUDE

As long as we are in this flesh, we will have misunderstandings among us, unpleasantness's, and even injustices; we will feel that our rights have been violated and others have been wrong in what they have said and done. What is to be our attitude? It is to be twofold: *"FORBEARING one another and FORGIVING one another."* To FORBEAR is to control our emotions, surrendering our rights for the time being in patient hope that God will reveal his purpose and will. To FORGIVE is actually to pull the misunderstanding out of mind and restore a state of love and fellowship. Our Lord FORBEARS, that is, He is longsuffering and patient with us; and He FORGIVES, remembering our sins no more. *Pastor Don Bell*

STAYED UPON JEHOVAH

Isaiah 26:3

It is easy for the believer's mind to become distracted in this world. There is the rush of our daily routine, technology has caused a constant stream of distraction, and our responsibilities are always on our minds. Sometimes it feels like the only time we have to think is that first moment we wake up and the last moment when we lay our heads down at night. Believer, get these words down in your heart and carry them with you throughout each day, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Is 26:3)

God Promises to Keep Us--*Thou Wilt Keep Him*

There is no more power in us to keep ourselves or to recover ourselves after conversion than we had before. Keeping grace is of the Lord who elected his people in Christ, who predestinated his people to be conformed to his Son, who came into this earth and justified his people from all our sin (Ro 8:33-34), who sent his gospel to you, regenerated you, and gave you faith and repentance (1 Cor 1:5-9). If you are hearing his Voice right now, if you are experiencing his peace in your heart right now it is because of him. Without his keeping grace we would leave God as surely as we would have never come to God in the first place. But he promises to keep us. When our hearts are distracted from our Lord it is like the chill that freezes over a pond, but when the Sun of Righteousness breaks in he warms our hearts with the rays of his love. The Prince of Peace is the peace of our minds and our thoughts more settling and soothing than clear emerald waters on a white sand beach. We don't have to make travel plans and take a long trip to find him who is our Peace, for he is near. (Is 55:6)

God Promises to Keep Us--*in Perfect Peace*

The Prince of Peace who laid down his life for us, who was made sin for us, who has made you the righteousness of God in him through faith is our Peace with God. He is the Word that speaks, "Peace be still!" Our great Shepherd, our Peace, is right there near always. *But it is good for me to draw near to God* (Ps 73:28) Have you found it good for you? When the troubles of this world interrupt our peace, he says, "*Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.*" (Is 26:20) What comfort! The Lord does not upbraid. We can come to our great

Shepherd in all honesty, crying, “*My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.*” (Ps 119:25) He quickens with power which is able to make us grasp the spiritual reality, with earth-fading power, with faith-increasing power, with soul-settling power. The Spirit of God quickens us with power to make us see Christ wearing his diadem of power riding on his white horse with the sharp sword going out of his mouth conquering and to conquer. He quickens us with the power which separates Christ in us from the old us, the gold from the dross, the kernel from the chaff. So it is that he keeps us in perfect peace.

God Promises to Keep Us--*Because We Trust in Him*

As believers, we know that our troubled spirit is never because of neglect from our Redeemer. It is always due to our own neglect of him. Our worldliness, our neglect, our proneness to let these things slip is so full of sin. Nothing but infinite, tender, unchanging love and grace moves our Savior to keep us, to turn us, to receive us. The honor of his name is connected with his promise to keep us who trust him. We trust in HIM because we believe HIM. We believe HE is true. The Lord would not draw us and make his promise to keep us and then betray our trust. God is true to his own word, to his own holiness, to his own love and mercy, to Christ Jesus his Son in whom all his promises to his elect ARE TRUE. It is glorifying to his unchanging love and grace to restore a wandering believer. He promises to anoint us with fresh oil, heal our back-sliding and grow us by his grace (Ps 92:10; Hos 14:4). Our God is wholly true and “*those who trust him wholly find him wholly true.*” Brethren, we cannot out-trust the trustworthiness of our Lord. He completely honors our trust because our trust is in him. Our best most trustworthy friend is Jehovah our Peace and Strength.

“The knowledge of our ignorance is the doorstep of the temple of knowledge.”
Charles Spurgeon