

August 5, 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

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message:

Closing Hymns

ANNOUNCEMENT: August 12—next Sunday, one service at 11AM at the Rennel's at 654 Moorwood Rd, Telford, PA, 18969 followed by baptism and potluck lunch.

What folly can be greater than to labor for the meat that perisheth,
and neglect the food of eternal life? John Bunyan

Everything in this world is vain without Christ. This world is nothing more than a pretty painted coffin in which to go to Hell. It mocks your soul. It is an illusion – a mirage in a desert. There is no joy here. Possessions are nothing more than anxiety and worry. *"Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity."* In this world there is nothing that comforts, nothing that satisfies, nothing that makes you happy. Everything here passes away. All religion is nothing more than the makeup that is put on a corpse. Even repentance, if it does not lead you to Christ, must be repented of. Faith that does not look to Christ, and is not based on His atoning sacrifice, is not the faith of God's elect.

Milton Howard is pastor of Kitchen's Creek Baptist Church in Ball, Louisiana.

James 5: 3: Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

WHY DID GOD CALL US?

Isaiah 45: 3-6

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

1. For you personally (v3)—*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 us with the riches of assurance that our 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 us the riches of Christ, not to exhaust our time and energy on our business or our estate or the cares of this world, but 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 (vv. 5-6)—*I am the LORD, and there is none else*. His own praise and honor is the reason God called us.

Father, strengthen us so that we give this life which you have given us, along with all these gifts and talents that you have given us, to this most gracious privilege you have given us.

Isaiah 45: 3: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places,...Christ's elect children are the treasure God has given to Christ his Son. We were hidden in the darkness and secret places while captives in Babylon. But Christ conquered our enemies, delivered us, and we are now the spoils of his victory. In doing so, Christ has given himself to us. He is the Treasure that our darkness once could not value. But now Christ is become the hidden riches in the secret place of our new heart.

Spiritual Blindness

It is not merely that the sinner cannot come to Christ, but he *will not* come to Christ that he may have life; it is not merely that he cannot see the truth, but that he loves darkness rather than light, and does not want to see. Sinners are not willing to see. The natural will itself is in bondage. It takes the divine will of God to overcome the wicked will of man by creating life where there was no life. This blindness is more than blindness of the natural eye. It is blindness of heart, blindness of will, blindness of conscience, blindness of understanding, blindness of all things spiritual. You who are yet blind may raise your objections to my gospel but you are as unqualified to express an opinion about something you have never seen as a blind man is to argue with you about the color of an object.

Judges 13: 22-23: And Manoah said unto his wife, we shall surely die because we have seen God. But his wife said unto him, if the Lord were pleased to kill us he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these things nor would as at this time have told us such things as these. Here then is our threefold comfort in times of sorrow, poverty, distress or trial! Did not the Lord receive unto His bosom that great and glorious sacrifice of the only begotten of the Father? Has He not made manifest the wonders of His grace through His everlasting gospel to such as us the worms of the dust? In addition, by His word, has he not given unto us, His dear children, such precious and complete promises by which it is impossible for God to lie? Yes, Yes, Yes! Dear believer, whenever you doubt your going and your coming in; remember these words from the faithful wife of Manoah and find comfort for your soul (He abideth faithful). *Drew Dietz is pastor of Sovereign Grace Church, Jackson, MO*

“If our prayers had less of the tail feathers of pride and more wing they would be all the better. Verbiage is to devotion as chaff to the wheat.”
Charles Spurgeon