

September 16, 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 am. Bible Class

Short Break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymns

Announcement: Lord willing, Bro Scott Keller will bring the message next week, Sunday, Sept 23, at 11 AM—no 10AM service. I am scheduled to preach Sept 21-23 at Central Grace Church in Rocky Mt., Va where Paul Mahan is pastor.

Psalms 106:4: Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation.

We need never say we cannot pray because we have trouble making a sentence in prayer. Here is a prayer we can always pray. It is a blessing when God gives you the prayer, and gives you the power to pray it; and when He does that, He is ready in Heaven to hear it. Those who pray this prayer do not ask for something impossible. "Remember me with the favor that thou bearest to thy people." Nature inclines me to pray to be saved from bodily pain. But this is not a favor enjoyed by all of God's people. Many of them have gone through great pain. Many have died at the stake, hanged, and stretched on the rack. Many have died of painful natural sicknesses. It was never intended that His people should live without pain. Pain is one of the best lessons to wean us from trusting in this flesh. This prayer asks for the common blessing that God has given to all His people. This is an everlasting favor; a favor that never changes. To pray like this is to pray like all the great saints of the Scriptures. The Psalmist asks for nothing but "Favour." This is the way all God's people are saved, no matter how good or how bad. We never want God to deal with us on the basis of merit. We plead for mercy. We acknowledge that "salvation is of the Lord." *Milton Howard is pastor of Kitchen's Creek Baptist Church in Ball, Louisiana.*

What the Lord has Done for Me

Mark 5: 19: Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

What great things Christ has done for me! Christ came to where I live, took flesh and blood, and became God's servant in my place. He fulfilled all the law's requirements for me as the Faithful Man in my place. Christ paid the debt I owed to justice by becoming the Guilty Man in my place on the cross. Having bruised the devils head, casting my sins into the depth of the sea, conquering satan and death for me Christ arose the Man accepted of God and there I am in glory with him. Yet, Christ had compassion on me. The greatness of his compassion is seen in how particular the Lord's dealings were with me. He did not show this grace to all. But what amazes me most is Christ showed it to me. I was not seeking him, I did not love him, I tried to act godly, but I was a dead God-hater. I was as one "possessed with a devil", "the man who was born blind from his birth", "the leper that was healed", "the woman that was a sinner", the "woman with the issue of blood", I am like Paul, "the chief of sinners." (1 Ti 1: 15) Still, Christ came to me personally and spoke peace into my soul giving me eternal life where there was only death and showing me that Christ has accomplished my salvation and is, indeed, my Salvation. Me, who all my life was in bondage, has now been given the love of Christ in my heart. Now I know salvation is not of my will—that I am thankful for because I was not willing. Salvation is not of works—that I am thankful for because now I see my best deeds all fall short of the glory of God. Salvation is of God's mercy—that I am thankful for because I need mercy (Ro 9:16) All glory and honor in the salvation of this sinner goes to Christ for the great things he has done for me and the compassion he has had upon me.

Clay Curtis

It is a rare thing to suffer aright, to have my spirit in suffering bent only against God's enemy, sin; sin in doctrine, sin in worship, sin in life, and sin in conversation.

John Bunyan

EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY

2 Peter 1: 16-18

The gospel of salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ is the counsel of God which saves sinners. This is the word of the Most High God with whom you will have to do business sooner or later. Do you realize that whosoever does not confess in faith that Christ is come in the flesh is *not of God, but under the influence of the spirit of anti-christ?* (1 Jn 4: 3) Confessing Christ is confessing Christ is all your salvation, nothing more, nothing less.

The Gospel is of the Power and Coming of the Lord Jesus

God the Son taking human flesh formed in the womb of the virgin declares Christ has come in the power of the most High God. Likewise, Christ's power and authority was manifest by the way he spoke the gospel. (Jn 7: 46) Every miracle the Lord Jesus worked declared he is God come in human flesh. (Mt 11: 2-6) The work of redemption which he finished declares his power and authority as the end of the law, the righteousness of all who believe. (Mt 27: 51) Christ's resurrection from the dead declares he is the Son of God in whom God is satisfied with his people. (Ro 1: 4) Now, believers wait for the day when Christ shall come again to receive his own to himself, and none shall be lost. (Jn 10: 28-29)

Peter's Eyewitness Testimony

Peter was an eyewitness in the mount of transfiguration. (Mt 16: 28-17: 1-8; Jn 1:14) Christ's transfiguration was a pledge of Christ's power and coming again in glorious majesty. Moses and Elias was a pledge that the dead shall be raised. (I Jn 3:1-2) What they spoke about was a pledge that Christ has accomplished the redemption of his people--"[They] spake of his decease, which he should accomplish at Jerusalem", that is of the putting away of the sin of his people by the sacrifice of himself. (Luke 9: 31) God's commendation of his Son declares his majesty. Peter suggested building monuments to all three. Moses (law) and Elias (prophets) may bear witness of the righteousness of God, but Christ alone receives glory for fulfilling the law and the prophets. (Ro 3: 20-26) God is well-pleased in Christ: as Surety and Representative (Isa. 42:21; Eph 1: 1-8), with his life (Mt. 3:13-17), with his sin atoning death (Is 53:10; Ps. 85:9-11), with his High Priestly intercession (I Jn 2:1-2), and with his Rule as King (Is 42:1-4; I Cor. 15:24-28; Rev. 19:1-7; Jn 8:29; 1: 14) Are you pleased with him as God is pleased with him? (Mt 17: 6-7)