

September 23, 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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymns

Announcement: Remember: this Friday, Sept 28, is the fourth Friday. I am glad you have been blessed by the DVD TV messages by Bro Henry Mahan.

WHY ARE WE DIFFERENT?

Titus 3: 1-8

Believers are to maintain good works in this life. When the believer encounters foolish and disobedient sinners, malicious and hateful men and women, what is the chief constraint that causes the believer to deal gently and in meekness? Here are three things to remember.

Remember What We Were (Titus 3: 3)

What will bring a believer down from thinking ourselves to be something when we are nothing? Remember what we were (Rom 3: 9-19; Eph 2: 2; Mk 10: 18; Rom 3: 23; Ec 7:20; 1 Jn 1:10; Mt 5: 21-22; 27-28; Mk 7: 21-23; Ec 9:3). Believing fathers, we are given this word of instruction (Ti 2: 2). As we endeavor to serve God as the head of our house where will we get this soundness, this love, this patience? Believing mothers, young believing women, you are given this word of instruction (Ti 2: 3-5). When you are opposed what keeps you from speaking evil and becoming a brawler with your tongue? What will keep the young believer as you are pressured to pursue the things the world teaches you to pursue? Remember what you were (Ti 3: 3). We were God-haters, *hating God and hating one another*.

Remember Who Made Us to Differ (Titus 3: 4-6)

After all our rebellion the love and kindness of God our Savior appeared. Was it because we straightened up our act? No, it was not by works of righteousness which we have done. But the kindness and love of God appeared in our heart personally, *according to his mercy*. It was mercy given us before the world began and given us in time through the gospel (Ti 1: 2-3). Believing young men here is your instruction (Ti 2: 6-8). What will make you obey God rather than this ungodly world? Remember the love and kindness of God who together with the word sent the Holy Spirit who washed and renewed us (Jn 3: 5; Ps 119: 50; 1 Cor 4: 15; Ja 1: 18; Jn 6: 63; 1 Thes 1: 5; Jn 15: 3; Ti 3: 5). For believers working at our jobs, here is our instruction (Ti 2: 9-10). What do we remember we when face difficulty at work? Remember this mercy which was shed on us abundantly by Jesus Christ: the mercy of the gospel which is of Jesus Christ and him crucified (2 Ti 1: 8); the mercy from God the Father which came to us by Jesus Christ (2 Ti 1: 9); the mercy of the work accomplished on our behalf by Jesus Christ (2 Ti 1: 10); the grace communicated in regeneration out of Christ's fullness (Jn 1: 16); and every supply of grace, by which the work is carried on in us by Christ's hands (Eph 2: 10). Here is instruction for every believer as citizens (Ti 3: 1-2). What if we have unbelieving civil leaders? In all these things remember what you were, remember who made you to differ and remember something else.

Remember What We Now Are (Titus 3: 7)

Every believer born of God is justified from all of our sin—past, present, and future—by his abundant mercy (Ro 8: 1). As if that were not mercy enough, we are also now heirs of God. We were heirs from eternity past by adoption. Now are we the sons of God and joint heirs with Christ by the Holy Spirit. We have the hope of eternal life—*Christ in you the hope of glory*. His grace has taken us from being rebels to regenerated children, from rebels to being made the righteousness of Christ, from rebels to heirs of eternal life! May his grace make us careful and loving in our daily lives (Ti 3: 8).

Spurgeon, “Brethren, Calvary is no nearer to heaven than Sinai, if the Spirit of grace work not in us. If Christ be not crucified in us, his being crucified for us will be of no avail; we must have Christ formed in us the hope of glory.”

HAPPY HOMES DON’T JUST HAPPEN—THEY ARE MADE!

By Henry Mahan

Paul speaks to wives and says, “Submit yourselves to your husbands.” This subjection is not only in body but in heart and spirit. Wives should love, think well of husbands, speak respectfully of them, and to them, take care of family matters according to the husband’s will, imitate him in that which is good, and bear patiently that which is not so agreeable. Paul adds, “As unto the Lord.” The Lord has designated authority in the husband and commands obedience to and respect for that authority. To the husbands the apostle simply says, “Love your wives.” This is still and always will be the key to any happy relationship! Because we love Christ, His yoke is easy and His burden is light. If a husband loves his wife, he will show affection for her, delight in her, seek her happiness and contentment, speak kindly to her, conceal her faults, and prefer her above his parents, children, and friends! You don’t need to go to a marriage counselor to solve your differences, you need to go to the cross and learn the meaning of LOVE.

AND HAVE NOT CHARITY

By Todd Nibert

Paul spoke of some very wonderful things he could do: speak with the tongue of an angel, have the gift of prophecy, understand all the mysteries of Scripture, possess miracle working faith, give all to feed the poor, and be burned at the stake as a martyr. But if he did not have charity, it was all meaningless. This charity or love is a supernatural thing. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and is not found in the natural man. Love can be known only by the actions it prompts. God’s love to us is seen in the gift of His Son. Our love to Him is seen in how we treat His people: the love that is not in word “*but in deed and truth.*” This is the will of the Lord Jesus Christ concerning all His loved ones – “*A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.*”