

**September 30, 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**

**10: 15: Bible Study followed by short Break**

**11:00 a.m. Service**

**Opening Hymns**

**Scripture Reading**

**Message**

**Closing Hymn**

## **WE DO WELL TO TAKE HEED**

2 Peter 1: 19-21

After telling us what he witnessed and heard concerning the power and coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, Peter tells us we do well to take heed to the word of holy God. The scriptures we hear through the gospel declaration are as a light shining in a dark place. All scripture is given by inspiration of God through the men who God divinely ordained and gifted to write our scriptures. (1Tim 3: 16) Search the scriptures daily to see if what you hearing preached is true, comparing scripture to scripture. (Acts 17: 11; Is 8: 20; 1 Co 2: 13)

### **The Dark Place**

This world is a dark place in which believers sojourn. The darkest place on earth is the natural heart. Adam sinned, darkness entered, and without the light of God shining into our hearts we are altogether darkness (Is 60: 2; Ro 1: 21). A person may be an intellectual sunbeam as far as a study of worldly or spiritual things, ability, wealth, even natural disposition, but until the Sun of righteousness arises in our hearts the understanding is dark and alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in man because of the blindness of the heart. (Ep 4: 18; 2 Cor 4: 6)

### **The Day Dawn and the Day Star**

First, all must hear the Light of Truth through the Word, the gospel of Christ revealed in the scriptures. (Ro 3: 10) All must be taught by Christ through his ambassadors that Christ is the believers

Righteousness. He has accomplished the work of perfecting his people so that by the new birth of the Spirit, believers rest in Christ alone through faith. (2 Co 4: 3)

Secondly, it is the same DayStar that arises in each new heart and that Light is Christ the Light. Christ is the Star prophesied to come from the lineage of Jacob (Nu 24: 17). Christ is the Sun of righteousness arisen with healing in his wings (Mal 4: 2)--“the bright and morning star.” (Rev 22: 16; Mt 2: 2). Christ the Light has come to those who sat in darkness to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1: 78-79) He has “abolished death and brought life and immortality to LIGHT through the gospel.” (2 Tim 1: 10) Christ is the Light of righteousness in that he was made sin, who knew no sin and with his bruise God alone is the Justifier of all who believe on Christ. (2 Cor 5: 21) And Christ is the Prophet who instructs us in light in the new heart. (Jn 8: 12)

Furthermore, Christ our Light is irresistible. Who can stop the sun from rising? Not one. When Christ begins to shed his beams in the new heart none can stop this dawning of light.

Lastly, where his Light begins to shine he will continue to shine: "He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." These things are the same in all who are born of God: Christ the Daystar is the same Light which lights all those born from above.

### **Believers Await That Perfect Day**

As of right now we are still in the twilight before the perfect daybreak of glory (Pro 4: 18). For now, many shadows surround us. But every artist knows it takes light and darkness to make the object in the picture stand out. So it is that the dark shadows, accompanied by grace, cause us to ever lay hold on Christ the object of our faith. (1 Cor 13: 9-12; Job 30: 28; Heb 2: 1; 10: 25)

The most important thing is to hear the gospel with our brethren. Each believer's presence matters—never think it doesn't. What if you were the only one to show up? It is that discouraging for your brethren when you are missing. Give heed, “so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Heb 10: 25-26)

Also, as we face shadowy clouds and strong winds of providence, look to Christ. God uses strong wind of painful providence to cleanse us. But faith which knows that Christ is our Light, even in the troubling clouds, shall be guided by the "bright Light that is in the clouds." (Job 37: 21) Live not so much with our eye on the present clouds, but with our eye set on the horizon of that future glory, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

Then there is that "valley of the shadow of death." Never was it as dark on this earth as when Christ suffered and entrusted his Spirit into the hands of God on the cross. Yet, never did the light of God's glory shine so bright. He arose. Here is the sweetness of Christ our Light. By his death, Christ so destroyed death, that death to the believer is but a shadow. My brethren, who are near, believe it!

When does this day dawn for the believer? The natural day dawns on us now sometimes as soon as we close our eyes on our pillow. You see that dear saint who just took their last breathe of this sin-filled air, the day-just dawned and the Day Star just arose in their hearts. Their very next breathe is in the clean air of perfected holiness. But others will remain and the perfect day of glory will be at the second coming of our Lord in majesty and great power, to gather together his elect when, "He shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all those who believe."

No matter the case, for each believer, in a little while the day will break, the shadows will flee away, and we shall bathe our souls in Christ's full, unclouded, endless light. It will be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, even a morning without clouds. There will be no need of the sun or the moon in that city—"for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof." (Re 21:23.)

Brethren, think on the day when we shall see him as he is, the day with no more night of sin or any of its effects.

Brethren, if the day breaks today, I will meet you in that heavenly city in Light. But if not, I will meet you in this hill of frankincense to hear of his Light in the mountain of myrrh one more time as we await that great day—we do well to take heed! (SOS 4: 6)