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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 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Melinda C.; **Nursery Thursday:** Michelle L.; **January Bdays:** Mary Ann L--17th; Vincent D-18th; John K-27th; **Anniversary:** Scott and Christine K—2nd

Romans 10: 4: For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Most reject this truth. The reason is given. Christ is the end of the law for righteousness only “to every one that believeth.”

WHATSOEVER YOU DO Colossians 3: 17-25

Do nothing for self but do all for the sake of Christ, with thankful hearts to God and our Father by him. This is key when bearing witness of Christ in this world. Folks are more willing to listen to the gospel from someone whose word and deeds are seasoned with grace. It is also the key to unity in our homes and between brethren.

Husbands and Wives

Christ is our Husband and we his bride. (Eph 5: 22-24) The church is in subjection to Christ our Husband, not contending for our separate, selfish ways but walking together in love and affection, seeking the glory of Christ. For this reason, the believing wife is to be in subjection to her husband, obeying him, respecting his decisions and following his leadership as long as it does not violate

the word of God. It is the reason, the believing husband is to love his wife, respect her and defend her before his parents, before his children, and all who would discredit or abuse her. If one's spouse is an unbeliever, do this that they "might be won" to Christ. (1 Pet 3: 1)

Eve was easily beguiled by Satan so after the fall the LORD told Eve that she would be in subjection to Adam her husband for her own salvation. It pictures the salvation the church, the bride, has by submitting and entrusting our well-being into the hand of Christ our Husband. You and I as the bride of Christ are easily beguiled. Our safety and salvation is by being in subjection to Christ our Husband. One reason there is so much dishonor in free-will religion is their doctrines teach that the church has authority over Christ. Their Jesus can do nothing except what they permit him to do. Satan has beguiled the woman, turning the order upside down. Their message teaches wives to rule over their households, promoting disorder in the family like the church. That is one of the reasons our world is continually getting worse. (Eph 5: 25-33)

Parents and Children

The child's obedience to our parents is well-pleasing unto the Lord but disobedience is not. The first son, Adam, rebelled against his Father sinking the whole human race into spiritual death. The Son of God obeyed the Father, declaring God the Father just and the Justifier and redeeming all the elect of God. He is well-pleasing unto the Father, the Firstborn Son among many brothers and sisters. If you want to honor God the Father then submit to his Son in faith, as well as to your earthly father and mother. Obey your parents. Respect them and their rule. Speak honorably to them. Look for ways to help and to help keep peace in the home.

Parents we are to raise our children, both, in the nurture and in the admonition (correction) of the Lord. One danger we face is being too hard without nurturing. Think how our heavenly Father nurtures us. He does not make us think we cannot please him. His nurture leads us to Christ in whom our Father is pleased with us. The preeminent goal of a faithful father to his children is to nurture them

to Christ—in *lovingkindness have I drawn you*. It is not only what we teach, but also the spirit in which we teach.

The other danger we face is being too easy rather than admonishing. (Heb 12: 6-7) The following scriptures are better than any parenting handbook ever written, “Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.” (Pro 22: 25) “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.” (Pro 29: 15) God our Father is perfectly consistent in nurturing and correcting his child. Seek God's way, not our own.

Masters and Servants

Employees are to remember we serve the Lord Christ and employers to remember we have a Master in heaven. Servants, how did Christ serve God when he took the form of a servant? It was certainly “not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God”. So he says, “whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men”. Work for your employer as if it were your own business. Treat their property with respect. Do not steal, or waste or mistreat their property. Be content with your wages. And if you ask for a raise do so in the right spirit with consideration for what they can afford to pay. Remember that because of Christ’s service to the Father we have an inheritance reserved in heaven for us and remember we serve the Lord Christ.

Masters, how has Christ our Master in heaven ruled us? He has given us that which is just and equal. It was according to what is just and equal, that Christ Jesus, who knew no sin, was made sin that God might be just in bruising him in our place and just in saving us by his mercy. And because Christ satisfied justice for us, believer, it is just and equal for your Master to give you perfect righteousness, full justification, and no condemnation. For the sake of your Master, give those who serve you what is just and equal. They have all the same responsibilities as you, heartaches and troubles like you. Treat them as you your Master treats you, “knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.”