

**March 24, 2013**

**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:** Carol D. **Nursery Thursday:** Christine K.

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“...as a preacher I cannot be very proud of my diseased prayers and sin-stained sermons. Neither can I boast much of my daily backslidings, hardness of heart, discontent, vileness, and abominable filthiness. I at times know not what will become of me, and fear I shall live and die a reprobate. I find sin has such power over me, and, though I call on the Lord again and again for deliverance, seem to be as weak as ever when temptation comes. "O you hideous monster, sin, what a curse have you brought in!" I love it, I hate it; I want to be delivered from the power of it, and yet am not satisfied without drinking down its poisoned sweets. It is my hourly companion and my daily curse, the breath of my mouth and the cause of my groans, my incentive to prayer and my hinderer of it, that which made a Savior suffer and makes a Savior precious, that which spoils every pleasure and adds a sting to every pain, that which fits a soul for heaven and that which ripens a soul for hell...I at times quite despair of salvation, and then again am as careless as if hell had no wrath and heaven no love; as if sin had no wormwood and pardon no sweet; as if there were no God to mark evil, and no devil to tempt to it. So my friend you must not expect to find your winter fireside companion much grown in progressive sanctification and creature holiness.”

JC Philpot

## OBSTACLES TO FAITH

Hebrews 11: 1-6

What if this gospel I have been declaring to you is true? What if you woke up early this morning thinking you were waking up in your bedroom, but opened your eyes to find yourself standing before holy God? What if you heard God say to you that everything you heard was true? If what I preach is true then where does that leave you? Your unbelief would not have altered God's truth and faithfulness one iota, but you would have been in outer darkness now since early this morning. Sinner, I want to meet you right where you are. This is not grand theology just simple common sense. Here are obstacles to avoid which will keep you from believing on the Son of God.

### **Fear Being Wise in Your Own Eyes**

The person who reasons himself qualified to judge God and truth by that imperfect, depraved light that you call your reason will never know God or believe God by that vain reason. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." If we come to hear the gospel and the scriptures with such a high opinion of ourselves that we think we can understand what this book teaches without God the Holy Spirit teaching us then this book will remain sealed to us. We do not even reason correctly until God gives us light. We have to drop our so-called knowledge and come to Christ "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Col 2: 3) If we come with a simple, elementary faith that God alone is able, depending upon God to teach us, saying with David, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." (Psalm 119: 18) then God will teach you. But "he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Mt 7: 7; 11: 28-29; Ja 1: 5-8)

### **Do Not Come to the Word Expecting to Understand All**

When I was a child my earthly father did not tell me all his business. Not all God's business is our business. "The secret *things* belong unto the LORD our God: but those *things* which are revealed belong

unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.” (Deut 29: 29) The haughty man reads the word and says, “No God.” The contrite heart of faith reads and says, “*Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it...I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.” (Ps 139: 6-14) Do not question yourself out of faith because you are unable to account for everything, “Through faith we understand...” Men can make all their excuses for not believing the word but God says “this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.” (Jn 3: 19-20; Jn 3: 3; 1 Cor 2: 9-12) God has purposely made it so that man will never be able to come to him any other way than by faith. God the Son was made flesh, born of a virgin. He who knew no sin, was made sin for his people that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Christ died, was buried and rose from the dead. Men watched the GodMan ascend up into the heavens. He will come again and our bodies shall arise from the graves. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. There is a place of outer darkness. These are things too big to fit inside a peanut brain such as ours. How do you know they are so? “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Heb 11:1)

### **Avoid Missing Hearing the Gospel Preached**

Hear the gospel consistently. We will be accountable not only for what we did hear but also for what we could have heard. The Lord says, “Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.” (Pro 1: 23) He promises, “I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground.” (Is 44:3) But Christ also promises, “walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.” (Is 50: 11) Walk in the Light God has given you. God may just give you more light.