

April 21, 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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10: 15 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Kris D. Nursery Thursday: Carol D.

BDays: Emma C.-15<sup>th</sup>; Faith D.-29<sup>th</sup>; Davika I-29<sup>th</sup>;

Wedding Anniversaries: Art & Cheryl D.-17<sup>th</sup>

**“Faith Cometh by Hearing and Hearing by the Word of God” (Rom 10: 17)** Hearing is the only one of our five senses that requires us to do nothing in order to do it. And hearing is the only one of our five senses that requires us to do something in order not to do it.

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**FOOD FOR SERIOUS THOUGHT**

**Pastor Henry Mahan**

Suppose a man should say to you, "I will not open my store today because I do not know if God has decreed that I should sell my goods, or do not know if God has ordained anyone to buy from me." Suppose that he added, "I shall neither eat nor drink this month, for God has fixed the length of my life and I shall die at the appointed time." Would you not conclude that the man was either mentally ill or a total fool? EVEN SO, the man who declares, "There is no need to search the Scriptures, seek the Lord, nor strive to enter the kingdom of God; for if I am elected and ordained to life, I will be saved," IS ALSO A FOOL! It is true *"the election of grace hath obtained,"* and *"as many as were ordained to eternal life believed;"* but let me tell you, in the matter of seeking the Lord, repenting toward God, and believing on Christ, you have no more concern with the secret counsels and purposes of God than you have in the length or quality of your life on earth. DO WHAT GOD COMMANDS YOU TO DO; believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, reach out (like the weary woman) and touch the Lord, cry out for mercy like Bartimaeus of old, and THEN YOU SHALL KNOW YOUR ELECTION OF GOD. *"God maketh rich and God maketh poor;"* but the man who draws the paycheck is the man who goes faithfully to work; the man who enjoys eternal glory is the man who goes, believing, to Jesus Christ.

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### **Faith: Knowledge, Persuasion and Commitment (2 Tim 1: 12)**

The Lord Jesus Christ sent the apostle Paul to his lost sheep to preach the good news that Christ has accomplished their eternal redemption. Paul said, "For the which cause I also suffer these things." It is evidence of the enmity of the carnal mind against God that men threw Paul in prison for simply telling them the good news. Paul said, "Nevertheless I am not ashamed." Brethren, how can we be like Paul in the face of adversity? First, Paul said, "I know WHOM I have believed." Secondly, he said, "And am persuaded that HE is able." Thirdly, Paul said he had committed all to Christ, "to keep that which I have committed unto HIM against that day." By the knowledge of Christ, by persuasion that Christ is able and by committing all to Christ the believer shall not be ashamed. The Psalmist said, "And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee." (Ps 9: 10)

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### **The Safest Safe**

Somewhere in their homes many have a safe where they commit that which is most valuable to them. Christ Jesus is the one in whom the believer commits all because the Holy Spirit has persuaded us "he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Tim 1: 12) Christ is the safe "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Mt 6: 20) There is no safer safe than Christ. Commit all to him today.

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### **At the Appearing of Jesus Christ**

The "trial of our faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire" is "found unto praise and honor and glory" when Christ appears in the midst of the fire with us like he did with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (1 Pet 1: 7; Dan 3: 24-25)

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Christian, do not assume the presence of Christ in your daily walk, call upon Him early, seek Him out afresh and anew each day. Stand still and wait upon Him. Keep your eyes upon Him and you will never have to suppose Him to be in your company.

Bruce Crabtree

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If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

Augustine

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The ancient gospel is an unceremonious thing. It pays no respect to the academic because of his profound learning; nor to the moralist on account of his upright conduct. It has not the least regard to the courtier, because of his pompous honors; nor to the devotee for the sake of his zeal or his righteousness. No, the potent prince and the abject slave, the wise philosopher and the ignorant rustic, the virtuous lady and the infamous prostitute, stand on the same level in its comprehensive sight.

Abraham Booth

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### **WHY PREACH CHRIST ALONE? Pastor Milton Howard**

Why do I continue to preach to you Christ alone? Why do I continue to preach to you, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved?"

I preach Christ alone, because salvation is so important. If it were not a matter of the life and death of your soul, and that of your children, I could come before you this morning and give you my theories. But I must tell you the truth. We are by nature, lost, without Christ, separated from God, without hope, without life, without God in this world. We are condemned members of a condemned race, and soon our life on this earth will be over, our body will return to the earth, we will be stripped of all this covering, and our immortal soul will stand naked before God in judgment. God will demand two things of us in that day: Complete satisfaction for all our sin, and a perfect righteousness. They are only found in Christ alone. If I die without Christ, I die without hope. But if I have Christ, I have eternal life.

I preach Christ alone because salvation is not something we can get by something we do. Those who come to God come through the merits and righteousness of Christ. We come when we see that He is the only way to God. Good works, religious reformation, baptism, prayer, tears, vows and resolutions will never bring salvation. If you are trying to do something in order to find favor with God, quit it! Trust in Christ alone. Only in Christ is salvation, and He is the way, the truth, and the life of salvation. The good news is rest, cease from your labors. There is no salvation in any other place. But there is salvation in Christ. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." We have no other hope but Christ who is our only hope.