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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

B'Days: Melinda C--5th **Nursery Today:** Cheryl D. **Nursery Thursday:** Michelle L.

"And hath put all things under his feet." Ephesians 1:22

How vast, how numerous, how complicated are the various events and circumstances which attend the Church of God here below, as she travels onward to her heavenly home! But if all things as well as all persons are put under Jesus' feet, there cannot be a single circumstance over which he has not supreme control. Everything in providence and everything in grace are alike subject to his disposal. There is not a trial or temptation, an affliction of body or soul, a loss, a cross, a painful bereavement, a vexation, grief or disappointment, a case, state or condition, which is not put under Jesus' feet. He has sovereign, supreme disposal over all events and circumstances. As possessed of infinite knowledge he sees them, as possessed of infinite wisdom he can manage them, and as possessed of infinite power he can dispose and direct them for our good and his own glory. How much trouble and anxiety should we save ourselves, could we firmly believe, realize, and act on this! If we could see by the eye of faith that every foe and every fear, every difficulty and perplexity, every trying or painful circumstance, every looked-for or unlooked-for event, every source of care, whether at present or in prospect, are all, as put under his feet, at his sovereign disposal, what a load of anxiety and care would be often taken off our shoulders! JC Philpot

O WHAT A WRETCHED THING THIS FLESH IS!

O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 7:24, 25) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. (Galatians 5:17)

Oh what a wretched thing this flesh is! It is the residence of corruption, unbelief, hate, deceit, and every other evil known to man. Who would want such neighbors living next to them? Yet, these vile tenants are not mere neighbors to the believer. No, they are much closer than mere neighbors: they occupy the same duplex. The believer is of two natures joined into one person: flesh and spirit. Spiritually, he is a new man, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. But he still possesses the same flesh he was born with, and the same "people" live there.

These occupants of the fleshly side of our "duplex" are not considerate at all, having no respect whatsoever for the occupants of the spiritual side of the duplex. No sooner does the spirit mow the grass and weed the flower bed than the flesh dumps a bag of stinking garbage on the lawn. No sooner does the spirit sit down for an evening of quiet reflection and prayer than the flesh will throw a party, turning up the stereo of vile thoughts. Neither side of the duplex will ever find full satisfaction, nor will there be any compromise. It will be a constant state of war for as long as the believer lives in this flesh.

No wonder Paul wrote, "O, wretched man that I am." Thanks to God through Christ, He shall someday throw out the occupants on the other side, knock down the wall that separates the two sides, and the fruit of the Spirit, the occupants of the believer's soul, shall reside in BOTH sides, in one harmonious household! Joe Terrell, pastor in Rock Valley, Iowa, USA

THE BREAD, THE WINE, THE TAKING and EATING 1 Corinthians 11: 24-26

The Bread

The broken bread represents Christ's body which was broken for his people. When we read "he was bruised for our iniquities" (Is 53: 5) the word "bruised" means "to beat" as bread corn is ground by a pestle in a mortar. (Nu 11: 8) Christ was so made sin for his people that with the iniquities of his people laid on him, God justly bruised and broke our Substitute as a corn of wheat is bruised. Thereby, Christ forever satisfied divine justice for his people. Believer, try to put everything out of your thoughts and hear Christ say to you personally, this is "my body, which is broken for you."

The Wine

The wine represents Christ shed blood by which he put away forever all the sins of his people. (Lev 17: 11; Heb 1:...3; 9: 2, 14; Eph 1: 7) Salvation is not in your works, but in Christ's blood. Justification is not by your good deeds, but in Christ's finished work. (Ro 5: 9, 3: 24-28) Believer, remember this wine represents the blood of the everlasting covenant whereby all God's mercies to you are sure in Christ.

The Taking and Eating

The taking and eating of these elements symbolizes our receiving Christ through faith, along with all spiritual blessings God blessed us with when he chose us in him, as well as our living upon Christ like we do our common bread. (Jn 6: 53-55, 57) All is a gift. (Ro 6: 23) Someone might say, "I don't feel worthy to come to the Lord's Table because of my sin." Was their sin in those believers at the Lord's Table that night? Yes. Was any worthiness in them to take? No. Their worthiness to take was Christ, who put away their sin and justified them and commanded them, "Take and eat." So it is that no sinner can receive Christ by faith or partake of his table, who thinks he has made himself worthy to receive Christ. (Lu 5: 32) Before any sinner takes Christ by faith, the Spirit of God makes us examine ourselves to find all unworthiness in us and makes us to discern the Lord's body in who we find our only worthiness. (Jn 6: 56; Gal 2:20; Is 55: 2; 1 John 1:3; Luke 12: 37) The same is true of those who come to the Lord's Table.