

July 28, 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: Christine K. **Thursday:** Denise C. **Announcement:** Services next Sunday at 100 Barbara Dr., Pompton Lakes, NJ at 10:15.

WHY GOD SAVES BY GRACE

Isaiah 48: 9-11

God sent Israel into Babylon because of her great sin, not to destroy her in wrath, but to refine her in mercy. But there was nothing in them to merit his mercy and grace. (Isa 48: 4, 8) Why then did God show them mercy and grace? Why does he show you and I mercy and grace? He says, "For my name's sake." (Is 48: 9-11)

For the Righteousness of His Name

God does not cut off his elect though our sins fully merit it because of Christ our Righteousness. God deferred his anger from his elect to Christ who bore our sins in his own body on the tree. (Is 53: 8) Christ was cut off by the full stroke of God's fury and justice in the place of God's people so that God is righteous to be merciful toward us rather than cutting us off. (1 Jn 1: 9; 2: 1; Ps 106: 44-45)

For the Praise Due to His Name

It is judgment satisfied by the grace of God which brings his children to praise his name. (Rom 2: 4) In all his righteous, merciful dealing with us: in electing us in Christ, in predestinating us to be conformed to the image of Christ, in adopting us to himself by Christ, in redemption through Christ's blood, in keeping us by his grace in Christ, it is all "that we should be to the praise of his glory." (Eph 1:12, 14; Is 45:25)

For the Faithfulness, Love and Wisdom of His Name

God our Father faithfully promises to remember our sins no more. But our Father is never pleased with our sin. God will chasten us because God's name is the God of faithfulness.

By doing so God makes us to know his name is love. God will not spoil his child by letting us stray in our vain way. For the sake of his great love as a Father toward his child he shall correct us. (Heb 12: 6-7, 10)

God's name is also wisdom. We behold wisdom in how he corrects us without consuming us. "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction." (v10) Silver requires intense fire until all the dross is consumed. But God does not use fire so fierce that he consumes us. In his wisdom, God our Father tempers the fire in measure and mercy so as never to consume us, only to humble us, to make us partaker of his holiness. (Isa 27:8-9; Ps 103: 10-14; Heb 12: 1-13)

For the Holiness of His Name

God will not allow our enemies to count his name common. He has pity for his holy name. (Eze 36: 19-24) God will not lose one for whom Christ died. The blood of Christ cannot be shed in vain or the seal of the Holy Spirit broken. The gifts and callings of God are without repentance. He will never cease to love his loved ones. He says, "For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted?" (v11)

For the Glory of His Name

God says, "I will not give my glory unto another." (v11) God will be gracious to whom he will for that is his glory. (Ex 33: 18-19) In Christ is where we see that glory like Moses when God put him in the cleft of the rock. (Ex 34: 6-7) God's purpose in saving sinners, and his purpose in saving sinners the way he does, is to reveal his glory. If this is God's reason for saving and keeping us then this ought to be our primary object as we seek to serve him. For the glory of his name, go and sin no more; for the glory of his name, look no more to the idols of this world; for the glory of his name, delight to do his will; for the glory of his name, let us keep ourselves from everything impure and unclean. Only the grace and glory of his great name working effectually in the newly created heart does that.

Sinner, turn to God and ask mercy and he will receive you, but not because of any good in you. Believer, return to the Lord and he will receive you, but not because of any good in you. (Jer 3: 21-23) Why then does God save by grace? He says, "for my name's sake!" "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise." (1 Chr 16: 35)

The nature of Christ's salvation is woefully misrepresented by the present-day evangelist. He announces a Savior from hell rather than a Savior from sin. And that is why so many are fatally deceived, for there are multitudes who wish to escape the Lake of Fire who have no desire to be delivered from their carnality and worldliness.

Arthur W. Pink – 1886-1952

Reckon Yourselves Dead Unto Sin

"Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ, our Lord" (Rom. 6:11).

Our sins were crucified with Christ. They were put to death when He died, for He was our covenant head and we were legally represented by Him. The law has no more right to condemn us than it has to condemn Him. Justice is bound to deal with us as it has with our Saviour. "*He that is dead is freed*" from the sin for which He died; so are we! If we do not see this complete mortification in Him, sin will reign in us. No sin can be crucified in heart or life unless it be first pardoned in conscience. If the believer does not see HIS PERFECT DEADNESS IN CHRIST, he will open wide a door to unbelief. If a believer does not see HIS COMPLETENESS IN CHRIST, he leaves room for attacks of self-righteousness and legalism. If Christ be not all, self will feed personal merit and importance.

William Romaine