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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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**10:15 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break**

**11:00 a.m. Service**

**Opening Hymns**

**Scripture Reading**

**Message**

**Closing Hymn**

**B'Days:** Kathy A-3<sup>rd</sup>; Kenny C-14<sup>th</sup>; Christine K-25<sup>th</sup>; Sarah K-27<sup>th</sup>;

**Anniversaries:** The Curtis'-6<sup>th</sup>; Cyril & Lenore Rennels-18<sup>th</sup> ;

**Nursery Today:** Christine K.; **Nursery Thurs:** Melinda C.

**SEEING TO THE END**

Exodus 34; 2 Corinthians 3

Through the gospel God reveals to his elect that Christ is the end of the law. Now when believers look to the law we look for, and behold, Christ.

**A Picture of Christ—Exodus 34: 1-4** The first time the law was given the tables, as well as the writing, were both the work of God alone. Man broke that law. All are guilty. The second time, God commanded Moses, a man in the earth, to hew the tablets then God wrote the law upon them in the mount. The Holy Spirit compares those tablets to the new heart created in the believer. (2 Cor 3: 2) In like manner, as God and man together had a part in giving the covenant of works the second time, so Christ, who is God and Man, prepared the tablets in the earth on which the new covenant of grace would be written, that is, his people, by finishing his work of fulfilling the law for each of God's elect. In like manner as God told Moses, "Be ready in the morning and come up", after finishing the work, Christ rose up early the morning of the third day. At his ascension, Christ carried his people in him with him when he presented himself to the Father like as Moses carried up those tablets. Then from Mt. Zion, Christ through the Holy Spirit through the gospel creates in his child a new heart on which Christ writes the everlasting covenant of grace. Therefore, the believer is "the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." (2 Cor 3:3)

**Glory and Intercession—Exodus 34: 5-9** In like manner as Moses desired to see the glory of God, Christ Jesus prayed to be glorified with the Father's own self and was. (Jn 17: 4-5) As Moses made intercession for his people so Christ makes intercession to the Father for his people. (Jn 17: 9-26) When Christ, through the Spirit of God, writes the law of the covenant of grace on our hearts then we see that glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus.

**Two Covenants—2 Cor 3: 3-18** The covenant God made with Moses and the children of Israel differs in many ways from the everlasting covenant of grace which God made with Christ and his spiritual Israel. The covenant with Moses was given from Mt Sinai, the covenant with Christ from Mt Zion; the covenant from Mt Sinai was a temporary covenant of works, the covenant from Mt Zion is an everlasting covenant of grace; the covenant of works came in letter written on stone, the covenant of grace comes in spirit written on the new heart; the covenant given in the letter was the ministration of condemnation and death, the covenant given in spirit is the ministration of righteousness and life; the glory of the covenant of death is done away in Christ, the glory of the covenant of life is eternal in Christ; the covenant that is done away was glorious, but it had no glory at all compared with the everlasting covenant that remains; Moses came down with his face covered picturing the veil on the spiritually dead heart keeping sinners from seeing to the end of the law, the everlasting covenant of grace gives believers faith so that we see the end of the law which is Christ Jesus; the law gendered bondage because their minds were blinded, grace gives us the mind of Christ by whom the veil is removed so that we have liberty to walk by faith constrained by the love of Christ.

**Made Willing to Worship Only Christ—Ex 34: 10-11** When the Lord writes the covenant of grace on our hearts, he makes us no longer willing to join with men in the worship of other gods. God forbids it and the born-again believer has no desire to do so anymore. We break down their altars, not by law or physical force, but by the preaching of the gospel. (2 Cor 10: 4-5) Our motive is the love of Christ which makes us jealous for Christ's glory and for the good of his bride. (2 Cor 11: 2-3)

**Made Willing to Live upon Christ—Ex 34: 18** When Christ writes the covenant of grace on our hearts, believers begin living upon Christ alone by faith, pictured in the feast of unleavened bread. Their Passover typified Christ our Passover by whom we are redeemed from the bondage of the law as they were redeemed from the bondage of Egypt. The feast of unleavened bread began the day after the Passover feast ended and continued for seven days—a perfect week-long feast observed at an appointed time. All of Christ's Redeemed shall be regenerated and given faith at God's appointed

time, at which time, we experience the redemption and liberty from the bondage of the law given us by Christ our Passover so that we are given a new appetite to feast upon Christ by faith till the full week of time is up and we go to be with our Savior forever. (Jn 6: 54)

**Made Willing to Offer the Firstborn and Rest in Christ—Ex 34: 19-21** When Christ writes the covenant of grace on our hearts, beholding our redemption accomplished by Christ, believers give to God the Firstborn which God has given to us who is Christ Jesus, the Firstborn among many brethren. Believing God that the work is finished, we rest in Christ through faith. (He 4: 3)

**Made Willing to Wait on the Harvest—Ex 34: 22** When Christ writes his covenant of grace on our hearts, we believe Christ that he shall lose none of his elect but shall call them all, they shall hear his voice and all shall follow him. Therefore, believers use only the gospel, waiting on the Holy Spirit to bring in the harvest. This harvest of ingathering is pictured in the feast of weeks which was the feast of harvest. The name by which it was called is "Pentecost" because it was held on the fiftieth day after the feast of firstfruits. As the feast of harvest followed the feast of the firstfruits so after Christ the Firstfruit was risen the harvest of God's elect began in this gospel age. Christ gave us a foretaste of the ingathering of all his elect on the day of Pentecost when he poured out his Spirit gathering three-thousand of God's elect at one time. (Is 43:5-7)

**Made Willing for Public Worship—Ex 34: 23-26** When Christ writes the covenant of grace on our hearts, we worship Christ publicly as he commands trusting his promise to protect us from all our enemies. Christ is our Shield and Defender. We never lose by leaving behind that which is dearest to us to worship Christ publicly. Believers honor Christ by worshipping in God's way, rejecting nothing Christ has done or commanded, but taking all of Christ who is all unto us. We add none of this world's superstition nor anything to Christ's finished work, except to give to Christ the first and best of all that he has given to us.

**Made to See to the End—Ex 34: 27-28** When Christ writes the covenant of grace on our hearts, in the law, in everything about it, we see to the end beholding Christ. Christ is our Ark of Covenant and Propitiation. He fulfilled the law and is the end of the law to everyone that believes, meaning believers have perfectly, fully, finally, forever established the law in Christ our Righteousness. All praise and glory to our God and Savior who has saved us, is saving us and shall yet save us by his grace (2 Cor 3: 3, 17-18)