

September 29, 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**

**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:** Urmilla I. **Nursery Thurs:** Denise C.

Ladies, if you are unable to keep the nursery please make arrangements with another one of the ladies to take your place.

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*From Charles Spurgeon's sermon, "Faith: What is It? And How Can it be Obtained?":* Faith occupies the position of a channel or conduit-pipe. Grace is the fountain and the stream: faith is the aqueduct along which the flood of mercy flows down to refresh the thirsty sons of men. It is a great pity when the aqueduct is broken. It is a sad sight to see around Rome the many noble aqueducts which no longer convey water into the city, because the arches are broken and the marvelous structures are in ruins. The aqueduct must be kept entire to convey the current; and, even so, faith must be true and sound, leading right up to God and coming right down to ourselves, that it may become a serviceable channel of mercy to our souls. Still, I again remind you that faith is the channel or aqueduct, and not the fountain head, and we must not look so much to it as to exalt it above the divine source of all blessing which lies in the grace of God. Never make a Christ out of your faith, nor think of it as if it were the independent source of your salvation. Our life is found in "looking unto Jesus," not in looking to our own faith. By faith all things become possible to us; yet the power is not in the faith, but in the God upon whom faith relies. Grace is the locomotive, and faith is the chain by which the carriage of the soul is attached to the great motive power. The

righteousness of faith is not the moral excellence of faith, but the righteousness of Jesus Christ which faith grasps and appropriates. The peace within the soul is not derived from the contemplation of our own faith, but it comes to us from him who is our peace, the hem of whose garment faith touches, and virtue comes out of him into the soul.

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### **BUCKET LIST:**

#### **For My Unbelieving Loved Ones Near Eternity**

1. Find out who God is: holy, righteous, merciful, by no means clearing the guilty. (Ex 34: 6-7)
2. Find out who you are: guilty, ruined in sin, with no way of gaining acceptance with God by your works. (Rom 3: 10-20)
3. Find out who Christ is: God's Salvation, the Righteousness we must have, the Sanctification we must have, the Way we must be in, the Truth we must believe, the Wisdom we must have, the Redemption who must free us, the Life of eternity. (1 Cor 1: 29-31)
4. Repent from all that is ungodly, cast all your care on Christ, believing Him. (Act 13: 39)
5. Confess Christ publicly in believer's baptism. (Mt 10: 32-33)
6. Then go enjoy the Grand Canyon and see some sights if you'd like.

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### **RICHERS OR RIGHTEOUSNESS?**

Proverbs 13: 8

When you hear the words "riches" and "righteousness" which do we think is most profitable? A person does not have to be a millionaire to have his heart set on riches. We could be living beneath the poverty line and still trust in the security of temporal things. The thing that man's tradition calls profitable—riches—is the thing God plainly says shall destroy us. (1 Tim 6: 10; Pro 8:18; 11:4, 28; 13:7) Do we invest as much in the pursuit of everlasting righteousness as we do temporary riches? I wonder how God would bless us if we trusted him

so much that we were willing to invest more in giving our children the gospel of Christ's righteousness than these other things.

### **The Heart Set on Riches**

When a man thinks in his heart that his riches are security, if held for ransom, has money to redeem himself. If disease comes upon him then he can pay for medical help to save himself. Were famine to strike the land then he can pay for food to preserve himself. So the man whose security is in his possessions never has to look to God for anything. But temporal riches can only purchase temporary salvation. Soon those who trust in carnal riches will hear the rebuke of God. (Ps 49: 6-13; 52:7)

### **The Heart Made Poor**

The poor in spirit knows in our flesh dwells no good thing. Such poverty of heart makes a man depend entirely upon the precious ransom accomplished for him by Christ, not by corruptible things as silver and gold, but his precious blood. This is poverty which makes a man depend upon Christ who healeth thee. The poor in spirit knows that if he is cured of sin-sickness then he has life eternal and cured of all, even death. This is poverty that makes a man see the utter famine of this world so that he depends upon Christ the Living Bread. If I have Christ I trust that the righteous shall not be found begging bread. Such a one may not be sleeping in satin sheets on a bed with gold bed posts but he can stretch out on God's bed in the sweet rest and assurance of knowing Christ has him covered. If Christ has you covered in righteousness, Christ has you covered in whatever else you need. (Ro 8: 32) That man who went through life looking to his wealth shall meet God and his very riches will be a witness against him. (Ja 5: 3) But the man poor in spirit who put all his trust in Christ shall never hear this rebuke from God. He is an heir of God's eternal inheritance, a joint-heir with Jesus Christ the Lord. (Mt 5: 3; 1 Cor 3: 21-23) Now which is better? Riches which can ransom you temporarily then damn you for all eternity OR enduring riches of Christ that provide both now and forever! Christ is the ONE THING NEEDFUL. (Ps 37: 16; Mt 6: 24-34)