

December 15, 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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

**B'Days:**; Cheryl D.—3rd; Debbie D.—17<sup>th</sup>; Anthony D--26th; Wedding  
Anniversary: Joe and Abby Z—2<sup>nd</sup> **Nursery Today:** Kris D. **Nursery Thurs:**  
Christine K.

When we think ourselves humble we would do well to ask, "Am I so humble that I have persevered faithfully without so much as a sinful thought, while every evil power in the universe gnashed upon me, while every man, as well as God my Father forsook me, while I hung naked and nailed to a cursed cross?" That should deliver the death blow to our pride. (Is 53: 7; 1 Pet 2: 19-25)

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IN CHRIST

Often someone asks what "position" do you hold on a particular doctrine, such as particular redemption or the depravity of man. But the word of God never tells us to come to a position, but to a person, to Christ Jesus the Lord. He himself said; "Come unto me", again "all that the Father gives me shall come unto me, no man cometh unto the Father but by me".

The scriptures speak of believers being "In Christ" in several places. This is the place I want to be found - In Christ. This is the only place where a sinner can have a secure position from sin, death, hell, and the judgment and wrath of God. When a sinner comes to Christ, trusts Christ and learns that he was chosen In Christ before the foundation of the world, then he has the most blessed position a poor sinner can have.

Justified! Accepted! Righteous! Where? Before God, who is holy and inhabits eternity. Before Him who knows our thoughts afar off. Before Him who knows the heart. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of god's elect? It is God that justifieth." How? "It is Christ that died, yea rather is risen again, who sitteth at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us". Rom 8:33-34. – **Don Bell**

## A LIVING STONE

Those in the glorious temple of God are built up living stones. Not the old white washed stones that covered up dead men's bones, but living stones. His temple is alive and evidences are everywhere of this life. Its testimony is about life – its power is about life- its origin is life. In Him was life and this life is the Light of Man (John 1:4). Our coming is unto a living Stone which is the purpose of life-the revelation of life-the source of all life. Everything about this Temple, in this Temple, and around this Temple radiates this life. He is disallowed indeed of men, but He is chosen of God and precious. What could be more precious than life? Without life there can be no service, no sacrifice, no acceptance, no worship, no fellowship, no rejoicing, no peace, and no hope of glory. But lively stones have all this and more. Here is the preciousness of Christ-In Him is life.(1Peter 21:4-9)

**Darvin Pruitt**

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## THE LOCAL CHURCH

The most blessed privilege we have in this world is the privilege of public worship. This gathered assembly, this local church is described in the Book of God as "*The House of God,*" "*The Temple of God,*" and "*An Habitation of God through the Spirit*". We recognize the universality of God's Church and Kingdom. The Church, the body of Christ, his Bride is made up of all God's elect in heaven and on earth. But that does not, in any way or to any degree, diminish the importance of the local Church. Nothing is more blessed, and nothing is more needful to our souls than the gathering of God's saints to worship him. This is the only place on earth where we are assured of the presence of our Redeemer (Mt 18:20). When we come together as a local Church, in the name of Christ, God the Holy Spirit comes with us and the gathered assembly of God's saints is the Temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 3:16-17). God sends out his Word through Gospel churches. God gathers his elect by the preaching of the gospel in Gospel churches. God instructs, comforts, edifies, and establishes his people by the ministry of Gospel churches. And God is worshipped by his people in divinely ordained ordinances of public worship maintained in Gospel churches, by reading the Word, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, gospel preaching, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Perhaps it is the very fact that the local Church is so vital to the welfare of our souls that makes it a huge target for our adversary the devil. He constantly stirs up confusion about the local Church, its proper place and usefulness, and its ordinances. Therefore the Holy Spirit gives us crystal clear instruction concerning these things in Holy Scripture. **Don Fortner**

*"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."* Ephesians 2:22

These words will apply both to the whole body of Christ viewed collectively, and to each separate member of that body viewed individually; and what the Church of God is in its completeness in Christ, as it will be in heaven above, and what it is in its visible and militant state on earth now, so is every individual member of that Church in this time state; and it is this solemn truth which makes the words before us to have such a forcible application to every individual believer. As we shall all have to answer for ourselves, "to die," as one said, "alone," and as religion is a personal matter, how careful should it make each individual believer so to walk before God and man that he may have both an inward and outward evidence that his body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 6:19), and that he is a habitation of God by the Spirit. If he realize this, and live under its solemn weight and influence, how careful he will be not to defile that body which is the temple of the Holy Ghost; how desirous and anxious not to defile his eyes by wandering lusts, nor his ears by listening to worldly and carnal conversation, nor his lips by speaking guile, or indulging in light and frothy talk, nor his hands by putting them to anything that is evil, nor his feet by running on errands of vanity and folly; but to view his body as a member of Christ (1 Cor. 6:15), and therefore sanctified to his service and to his glory. **JC Philpot**

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## BE WATCHING

***Mark 4: 35: And the same day, when the even was come,...***

They had just spent all day hearing the Lord Jesus Christ preach the gospel and work miracles. Their hearts were calm. By evening they were in a severe storm. Is it not so with us, brethren? It may be a storm of rejection from loved ones, a great wind of worldliness, a storm of careless presumption or some other fleshly thing. How often we start carelessly admiring the sunset and take our eyes off Christ. But no matter from where the storm arises, knowing we are apt to be surprised by the storm of trial, and knowing Christ is our only calm from the storm, what should believers always be doing? Be watching for both! (1 Thess 5: 6-8; 1 Pet 5: 8-9)