

January 5, 2014

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---11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

Announcements: Sun, Jan 19th, one service at 11am. Scott Keller will be preaching; Fri, Jan 31st-Sun, Feb 2nd, Frank Tate pastor of Hurricane Road Grace Church will be preaching here. Fri-7:30pm; Sat-Sun 11am. **B'Days:** Mary Ann Lutter--17th; Vincent D-18th; John K--27th. **Anniversaries:** Scott and Christine K--2nd; **Nursery Today:** Carol D. **Nursery Thurs:** Christine K.

He Said Unto Him, Zacchaeus

Luke 19: 5: And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him and said unto him, Zacchaeus...

Christ came to the place where Zacchaeus was because Christ appointed the very place where he would cross his path. But how did Christ know his name? In Christ's parable of the shepherd and his sheep, Christ said the shepherd "callesh his own sheep by name." Then Christ said, "I am the good Shepherd and know my sheep." (Jn 10: 3, 14) Christ knew Zacchaues' name because his name, like all Christ's sheep, was "written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev 17: 8; 20: 15; Php 4: 3)

The names of God's elect are not being written in his book when we believe. Christ calls us out of darkness into his light because our names were written in his book when the Father "blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." (Eph 1: 3-4)

Christ became Surety of those given him of the Father by promising to redeem us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (Gal 3: 13-14) That is why Christ is called "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." And because Christ accomplished the redemption of each elect child, the Holy Spirit shall regenerate and call each one to faith in Christ; and because Christ has known each one by name since before the foundation of the world that is why Christ is able to call his own sheep by name. "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his." (2 Ti 2: 19)

Behold I Am Against Them

Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD. Jeremiah 23:32

It is vitally important that we only preach and only listen to the true gospel. There is no profit in a false gospel because salvation cannot be born from a lie. God's elect are born again with the WORD OF TRUTH (James 1:18). True salvation requires The Truth, the Lord Jesus Christ. A false gospel will appeal to the flesh, and even give some comfort and confidence to the flesh by giving the flesh something to do to earn salvation. That false gospel may make a person more law abiding, but it will never lead to salvation because a false gospel never produces the new birth, never leads to surrender to Christ, and never leads to faith in Christ.

Let us pray for the grace to preach Christ out of a love for God. God will be glorified when Christ is preached. Let us also pray for the grace to preach Christ out of a love for the lost. The only way the lost will be saved is to hear Christ preached. *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation* (Eph 1:13).
Frank Tate

God's Glory

The whole scheme of works salvation is totally dependent upon man and looks inward for all hope, happiness, help, and holiness; making man the principle object of worship, preeminence and glory.

But, the whole scheme of God's salvation is dependent upon Jesus Christ, the appointed Mediator and Substitute for sinners. This scheme of salvation looks Godward for all hope, happiness, help, and holiness; making Jesus Christ the principle object of all worship, preeminence and glory. "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ." The grand design of God's salvation is the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:4-5; 1 Cor. 1:30-31).

Tom Harding

If Free Will Is True:

The belief that most people hold to is that God loves everybody and wants to save everybody. That He has given man a free will, and cannot save a man unless that man, of his own free will, decides to let God save him. If that is true:

1. The Bible is mistaken when it describes man as dead in sins.
2. God is not sovereign. His will is subject to man's will.
3. Praying to God for the salvation of sinners is a mistake. We should be praying to men to use their will to let God save them.
4. Salvation is not dependent upon God, but man.
5. Man gets a portion of the credit in salvation.
6. Salvation cannot be said to be 100% grace. Man's will is the key that unlocks the grace of God. Grace cannot work unless man turns the key.
7. God's will has no say in the ultimate destiny of the sinner. In reality, God's will is meaningless in the salvation of the sinner. The will of man controls his own destiny.
8. The death of Christ was at best a gamble, dependent upon the will of man, and in reality a failure, because many He died for are lost anyway.
9. The security of the believer hinges on his own will.

Have you ever looked at what the bible says about God's Will? "For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy (Rom. 9:15-16). Sinners are saved not by the will of man, nor the will of the flesh, but of God. (Jn. 1:13) How could anyone have any comfort or assurance of their eternal salvation if it ultimately depended on their freewill?

For those who get angry at these truths, God Himself says; "O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus"? We can't even control the events of the simplest parts of our everyday lives by our wills, how then could we control the eternal? Bless the Lord for the God Will Gospel! "Thou shalt call His Name Jesus, for He shall save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21) Thank God, free will is not true! The believer prefers Free Grace over free will.

Don Bell