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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---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.

FAITHFULNESS

Someone ask me recently what my goals were for our church. I told them, 'To remain faithful to the gospel'. I don't think they understood, but I trust you will. Our Lord said, 'It is required of a steward that he be found faithful'. It is not up to the servant to decide or try to determine what the Master will be pleased to do with his faithful service. Now, you know that the hope of our salvation rest wholly on the faithfulness of Christ. He is the only One that pleased the Father with perfect faithfulness. Oh, but what a high calling it is, for a follower of Christ to be found faithful. Not only is it all we CAN do, it is all we should set our goals TO do. And, it will require all we can find in our Lord's merciful grace to achieve. There is no greater success to set our ambitions toward.

I challenge you to make it your goal. Be the most faithful member of your church you can be. Be faithful in worship services. Be faithful in prayer. Be faithful to encourage your brethren. Be faithful to bear one another's burdens. Be faithful in giving. Be faithful in witnessing. I pray it could be said of us what Paul said of the house of Stephenos, 'they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints'. *I Cor.16:15* What greater reward is there, than to hear Christ say, 'well done good and faithful servant'?

Greg Elmquist

CHRIST IS THE GOSPEL!

The Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His ministers to “preach the gospel” or *good news* (Mark 16:15). However, in the New Testament we generally find them preaching *Christ* (e.g., Acts 5:42; 8:5; 9:20; 1 Corinthians 1:23; 2 Corinthians 1:19; 4:5). Is there a disagreement here between preaching the *gospel* and preaching *Christ*?

There is absolutely no disagreement here.

A faithful gospel preacher declares to those converted under his ministry that “the *gospel* which I preached to you” is the good news “that *Christ* died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that *Christ* was buried, and that *Christ* rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that *Christ* was seen” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

The Holy Spirit says the “gospel of God” is “concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord”, and equates it with the “gospel of Christ, the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Romans 1:1-4, 16).

This is good news indeed!

Christ is the gospel or good news! The good news is Christ!

Accordingly: We preach the “glorious gospel” (1 Timothy 1:11) by preaching the glorious Christ. We preach the “gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24) by preaching Christ, who is Himself the “the grace of God that brings salvation” (Titus 2:11). We preach the “gospel of peace” (Isaiah 52:7 /Romans 10:15; Ephesians 6:15) by preaching Christ, who is Himself our Peace (Micah 5:5; Ephesians 2:14-16; Judges 6:24; Isaiah 9:6). We preach the “gospel of your salvation” (Ephesians 1:13) by preaching Christ, who is Himself our salvation (Luke 2:25-30; Psalm 27:1). We preach the “everlasting gospel” (Revelation 14:6) by preaching the good news of the eternal Christ and the eternal salvation found in Him.

If a preacher does not preach Christ, he thereby indicates that he either has no good news for you or that what he preaches instead of Christ is better news than Christ.

As for me, I confess “Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!” (1 Corinthians 9:16) – and CHRIST IS THE GOSPEL!

Daniel E. Parks

Psalm 76:10: Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

THREE CERTAINTIES

Hebrews 9: 27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

There are three certainties in this passage: the first is certain for everyone if the Lord Jesus does not return first; the second is certain for everyone who meets God outside of Christ; the third is certain for all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Death

First, death is certain for all men if Christ does not return first. Death is not by accident or chance but by the appointment of God—“it is appointed unto men once to die.” The fact that we must die shows us we are sin and in need of God’s mercy. (Gen 2:17; 3:19; Rom 5:12, 17, 21; 6:23; Ecc 7: 2; Job 14:1-2) Today is the day to prepare to die. (Ja 4: 14) “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.” (Ecc 12: 1)

Judgment

Secondly, judgment is certain—“after this the judgment.” If you had an appointment to stand before an earthly judge then you would pay attention to your lawyer, your advocate. All shall stand before God. The gospel is the word from Christ, the Advocate who will speak for his people in that day. He alone is able to save you from your sins and Christ, himself, will be the Judge before whom all shall stand. (Acts 10:42; 17: 30-31; Jn 5:22-23) Do not harden your heart. (Rom 2: 15-16) Believe on Christ today. (Jn 3: 18-21)

Salvation

Thirdly, all who rest in Christ through faith shall certainly be saved—“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” The judgment of “the many” is settled by Christ’s finished work on the cross. They shall not be judged a second time. Look to Christ and you shall be saved; look away and you shall perish forever. (Jn 11: 25-26; 5:24) Sinner, are you looking for him?