

January 31-February 2, 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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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

We are happy to have Frank Tate, pastor of Hurricane Road Grace Church in Ashland, KY, preaching for us this weekend on:

Friday-7:30pm

Saturday 11:00am

Sunday 11:00am

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

**Announcements:** We will have ice cream after the service Friday and meals after each service Saturday and Sunday. **B'Days:** Kris D—2<sup>nd</sup>; **Nursery** **Friday:** Carol D.; **Saturday:** Michelle L.; **Sunday:** Christine K.

#### CHRIST DIED FOR SINNERS

I pray that we never become so gospel hardened, that our hearts do not leap for joy every time we hear this glorious truth, Christ died for sinners. Let's consider each word of this blessed statement and rejoice.

**CHRIST** died for sinners. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is the promised Savior, the long awaited Messiah. And it is this One who gave Himself to die as a ransom for sin.

Christ **DIED** for sinners. It is a miracle that the Lord Jesus Christ, Life Himself, actually died, but an even greater miracle is why Christ died. He died because He agreed to be made sin for God's elect. When the Father imputed the sin of His elect to Christ, the holy Son of God was made to be sin so He died under the justice of God's holy law that demands death for sin (Ezekiel 18:4).

Christ died **FOR** sinners. Christ died as the sinner's substitute. Christ suffered the penalty of sin that His people deserve. Christ died the death that His people deserve so that His people would have eternal life. What mercy, love and grace that Christ would die in the place of sinners! (Romans 5:8)

Christ died for **SINNERS**. The Lord Jesus Christ did not die for good people, for righteous people, or for people who needed a little bit of help in order to be saved. Christ died for real sinners, sinners who were dead in trespasses and sins and unable to do anything for themselves. Christ died to pay the entire sin debt of His elect. Jesus paid it **ALL**, all the debt I owe.

How thankful sinners are that Christ died for sinners! Frank Tate

## FREE INDEED!

**Isaiah 49: 9: That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves.**

All who Christ saves are guilty prisoners by Adam's one transgression. And receiving Adam's sin nature we were born in a prison cell in chains which no man could break. Our prison-nature was solitary confinement, complete darkness, with no windows to let in the light. That is what the flesh is.

If we would have been born free then later locked away for our crimes we would have known the difference between freedom and imprisonment. But since we were born in prison, we never knew anything but the total darkness of our prison cell. Therefore sinners boast of their free will. But a sinner under the power of his sin-nature has as much freedom as a prisoner in solitary confinement. Indeed, he can stand, walk, and lay down when he will but only within the confines of his cell. We were in prison, on death row, too blind in sin to know it --"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jer 13: 23; 2 Cor 4: 3-4)

God sent the Deliverer, Christ Jesus his Son, who purchased liberty for those given him from everlasting by his death on the cross. Christ rose from the dead with all power in heaven and earth "to loose those that are appointed to death;" (Ps 102: 20) "to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." (Is 42: 7)

When Christ spoke with irresistible power into our hearts, saying, "Show yourselves" for the first time, we, who hated the Light and would not come to the Light, did truth by stepping forward in our hearts into his marvelous Light. (Jn 3: 19-21; 1 Pet 2: 9) Christ said, "Go forth" and for the first time, we became truly free to do God's will--"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." (Jn 6: 40) "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (Rom 6: 18; Jn 8: 36)

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## CHRIST ALONE

The person and work of Jesus Christ is an offense to this lost world and the reason for it is very evident for those who know and believe the gospel of the Grace of God.

- Man by nature is in darkness, blinded by the devil and Jesus Christ is the only life.
- Man by nature has only his filthy rags of righteousness, Jesus Christ only is righteous.
- No man by nature can please God; Jesus Christ alone is pleasing to God.
- No man by nature is accepted and just with God; Jesus Christ alone is the Just One.
- All the obedience the natural man can render to God is utterly rejected; only the obedience of Christ is accepted.
- No natural man knows the love of God; the love of God is in Christ Jesus alone.

Therefore *if* any would have light and life it must be that which Jesus Christ alone gives freely by His grace. *If* we would be pleasing to God and accepted of Him, we must be accepted in Christ alone. *If* we would be justified - cleared of all sin and guilt - we must believe in Christ alone for it. For only in Him can a Holy God justify the ungodly. *If* we would stand before God without the shame of our nakedness manifested, we must be clothed in the righteousness of Christ alone. *If* we would know God loves us, we must see ourselves complete in Christ, for in Him alone can a Holy God love a sinner. *If* men aren't gathering to Christ as their all in all then they are scattering from Him. *If* a man is not for Christ with all His heart, then he is against Christ with all his heart. There is no middle ground. That which rejoices the hearts of God's elect is that very thing all others find offensive. Christ alone, Christ alone, Christ alone.

Bruce Crabtree

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Christ did not come to make salvation possible for as many people as might someday decide to accept him as their personal savior. The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to make salvation CERTAIN for all those the Father gave Him in the covenant of grace. If this is not so, it is not possible for anyone to be saved. Frank Tate