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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 am Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Kris D. Nursery Thurs: Michelle L.

**HE SHALL SEE HIS SEED**

**Isaiah 53: 10:...he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days...**

After Christ accomplished redemption for his people, God the Father saw Christ his Seed and was satisfied. He prolonged Christ's days raising him from the grave, giving the Lord Jesus a name above every name, giving Christ to be Head over all things to the church that Christ might fill all in all. (Php 2: 9-11; Eph 1: 20-23)

Likewise, when Christ arose he saw all his seed raised in him and secured each one for the prolonging of our days. (Eph 2: 6-7) Therefore, Christ shall see all his redeemed born the first time then born-again and brought in; Christ shall see them all educated and brought up; Christ shall see them all supported and brought through; and Christ shall see them all perfected and brought home.

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To deny the absolute efficacy of Christ's sin-atonement blood is to deny His very deity. If Jesus Christ died to redeem some whom He fails to save by His grace, He is not God. Don Fortner

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**Isaiah 53: 11:...by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.**

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How do I know Christ bore my sins? By the same authority which tells me I have sins to be borne: God's Word. Scott Richardson

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Two men were talking. The first man said, "A man should repent and believe the Lord the day before he dies." The other answered, "That is impossible, no man knows the day he will die? It might be tomorrow." The first man said, "Then today is the day to repent and believe on him."

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### **NOW IS THE TIME!**

**2 Corinthians 6: 2: (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)**

These words [the first half of the verse] are a citation from Isaiah 49:8 and are spoken by the Father to Christ, declaring he had heard him, as he always did...It was "the accepted year of the Lord"; the sufferings, sacrifice, satisfaction, and righteousness of his Son were well pleasing to him; because his purposes, promises, and covenant transactions had their accomplishment, his perfections were glorified, and his people saved. And it was a time of acceptance, or an acceptable time to men, since it was the day of their salvation, and therefore must be exceedingly agreeable to all such who see their need of it, know the worth of it, and are sensible that there is no other way of salvation than by him.

These are the words of the apostle, [the last half of the verse] applying the former to the present Gospel dispensation; which he introduces with prefixing a "behold" to each sentence, in order to raise both attention to, and admiration at what is delivered:...now is the day of salvation: now is salvation preached, as being done, already obtained by Christ for sinners, the chief of sinners; it is now brought home to their souls by the ministration of the Gospel under the influence of the Spirit of God; now sinners are convinced of their need of it, and that it cannot be had elsewhere; now they are made to submit to Christ, to be saved by him, and him alone, are encouraged to believe in him, and are by him actually possessed of it. "Now" is, and not yesterday was, the day of salvation;...it will be always "now" till all the elect of God are gathered in.

There is no withstanding the "now" of grace when it comes with the power of the Holy Ghost. John Gill

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### **WISE OR FOOLISH?**

**Matthew 25: 1: Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2: And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3: They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.**

The Lord used a common custom to illustrate the urgency of seeking Christ in this day of grace. The bridegroom represents the Lord Jesus. The wise virgins represent believers filled with the Holy Spirit watching for Christ. The unwise represent those with an external form only.

They all had lamps. Externally, we all have some things in common. We are all sinners. Therefore our flesh is like a lamp with no oil, worthless. Even, all who profess Christ (truly and vainly) have commonalities. They all slept. Sadly, believers slumber taken up with the cares of this world and our flesh, even as others. The difference is only by God's grace. (1 Cor 4: 7) Only those with oil in their lamps are wise. Oil represents the Holy Spirit, Christ formed in the heart, the oil of joy given freely by the power of God's grace. (Is 61: 3)

The unwise remind us it is vain to be concerned with the outward but neglect the inward. (Mt 23: 25-27; Rom 10: 1-4) A sinner can learn the five points in the letter, the same as we can learn the ten commandments in the letter. But to have new ears to hear the law declare us guilty and shut our fleshly mouth, to have a new heart to believe Christ and to confess Christ, this takes the power of God. (Rom 2: 28-29; Rom 10: 10) Only the Holy Spirit, in the inward man created of God, can persuade a sinner to cease from our vain works, look out of self and rest in Christ our Righteousness and Sanctification. (Heb 9: 14)

When the bridegroom returned the unwise had their lamps but no light because they had no oil. And it was too late! The wise had oil therefore they had light; they were ready; and they were received of the bridegroom.

Are we wise or foolish? If today you do not believe Christ then with all urgency be wise and seek Christ now while he may be found! (Is 55: 1-13) When Christ returns it will be too late! And if today by God's grace you believe Christ, be ever mindful of one thing. We have "this treasure in earthen vessels"; the "excellency of the power" is of God, not of us. (2 Cor 4: 7; Php 3: 3; Mt 12: 35) We must stay at Christ's feet.

May Christ make us like Israel the night they were delivered from Egypt, may we partake of Christ our Passover with urgency, ready to depart, with "our loins girded, our shoes on our feet, and our staff in our hand." (Pr 4: 28; Col 3: 1-4; Ex 12: 11) The Savior says, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."