

April 27, 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 am Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

We have a nursery equipped with a digital flat screen television broadcasting all services live for children 4 and under.

Nursery Today: Cheryl D. **Nursery Thurs:** Debbie D.

Announcements: On Wednesday, June 11, Peter Meney, pastor of Eggesburn Baptist Church, Eggesburn, England will be preaching the gospel for us in the mid-week service—no service Thursday night of that week. Grace Baptist Church at Taylor, AR, has bought a new building. If you would like to help with their initial expenses designate that portion of your offering “Taylor.” On May 4 we will send what we have to them. As always, if you offer extra toward our building fund be sure to mark the offering as such. If you would like the pastor’s preaching schedule, as well as other meetings scheduled for us here then go to www.FreeGraceMedia.com.

Is Vain Religion Worse than No Religion?

Is a sinner worse off being under the sound of a preacher if that preacher is not preaching the gospel? The Lord Jesus said he is. Christ said that the man who is falsely religious is two-fold more the child of hell because he is not only lost, but he thinks he is saved; the light he thinks he has is darkness. (Mt 6: 23; 23: 15) Also, Christ said the publicans and harlots would go into the kingdom before the vain religionists. (Mt 21: 31) According to Christ, who is the Truth, God-dishonoring, man-exalting religion is the worst enemy of souls. The message of salvation by the sinner contributing, even one work, is not only untrue it is damning.

Sinners should seek the message that gives the triune God in Christ all the glory for working all the works of saving whom he will and declares that the sinner contributes nothing, leaving the sinner no room to boast. God’s people are nothing but sinners saved by grace. Salvation is of the LORD beginning to end.

Everlasting Love

Isaiah 54: 10: The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from you, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, says the Lord who has mercy on you.

[Believer] consider the love of God for you, as everlasting love. It never did, it never will, depart. Notwithstanding your fall in Adam, your depraved nature, your constant sins and departures, the love of God continues. He may veil for a little moment the light of His countenance, may chastise and afflict you for your revoltings and backslidings; still, having loved you once, He loves you to the end. Whatever else departs, His love never will. Wealth may leave you, health may fail you, friends may forsake you, and life itself expire; but God's paternal love, and Christ's fraternal sympathy, will never, never change.

The covenant of peace made with Christ, on your behalf, O my soul, sealed with His blood, even the "blood of the everlasting covenant," which procured peace, speaks peace, and bequeaths peace, even "the peace of God which passes all understanding," shall never be removed. The mountains of human strength, lofty and sun-gilded, the hills of creature good, clad with verdure, and smiling with fruit, shall be removed; the strongest, the loveliest, and the dearest, the first to die. But, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Amid the vicissitudes and changes of the present, the dying friends and revolving landscapes of life, cling, O my soul, to Him whose covenant never alters, whose kindness never changes; who, having loved you before all time, and loved you in all time, will love you to the end of all time—yes, when time shall be no longer. The Lord that has mercy upon you has said it.

Unconverted soul! the day will come when, if found out of Christ, you will cry to the mountains and to the rocks to cover you—but will cry in vain! Before His face of glory the heavens and the earth will flee away, and your soul will stand without a shelter or a hiding place. Escape for your life! There is one mountain, and one only, where you can find shelter from the wrath that is to come—it is Mount Calvary. Hidden there, the "Avenger of Blood" cannot reach you. No refuge but the cross—no fountain but the blood—no righteousness but Christ's—no Savior but Jesus—will meet your case. "Him that comes unto Me I will in no way cast out." Octavius Winslow

How long shall Christ continue to give preachers? "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God." (Eph 4: 13)

No King, No Rule, No Right, No Wrong

"In those days *there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*" -- Judges 21:25

This scripture clearly describes the day in which we live. These days there is no absolute Sovereign God being preached; no Judge; no Lord on the throne; no fear of God; so there is no right or wrong, no sin, no punishment for sin; so everyone is free to do anything they like. Blame it on the pulpit. Blame our sick society on the many false preachers who have told everyone for so long now, how much God loves them all, no matter who they are or what they are doing; no matter that they live like hell and hate God in Heaven . . . he loves you anyway (they say). So men and women believe these liars and live as they please, with no fear of God, and no fear of any consequences for sin. O' the great and terrible surprise people are in for when they face the true and living God; the God of the Bible; the Holy and Righteous Lord and King of the universe Who hates sin. May the same Lord unite our hearts to fear His Name, and call upon Him to have mercy on us all. Paul Mahan, pastor of Central Grace Church, Rocky Mount, VA

Unto, Unto, Unto

1 Corinthians 1: 23: But we preach Christ crucified,...

The gospel declares Christ is the Wisdom and Power of God, who saves his people, with no help from those being saved. Therefore all, except those called by Christ through the gospel, have great trouble Christ and with the gospel of Christ being the means God uses to call his people.

"UNTO the Jews a stumblingblock." The Jew represents all who are religious but who stumble at Christ because they are attempting to come to God either without Christ or by adding their wisdom and power to the work of Christ. They deny Christ all the glory in some aspect of regeneration and wisdom (Jn 3: 1-12; 6:44; Ps 110: 3), righteousness (Rom 5: 19-21; 10:4), sanctification (Rom 5: 20; 3: 19-20; Gal 3: 2-3) and redemption. (Heb 9: 12; 1 Cor 1: 30-31)

"UNTO the Greeks foolishness." The Greek represents all who have their hearts set on the world's wisdom, riches, and honors. The Greek may believe a man needs salvation but it is foolishness to him to declare salvation is by Christ only, through the preaching of Christ only.

"But UNTO them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." Only by experiencing the power and wisdom of Christ, through the call of the gospel, do we know Christ, the Power of God and the Wisdom of God, as well as the importance of continuing to hear Christ through the gospel. (Job 23: 12)