

May 11, 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. Please bring no drinks or food into the service.

Nursery Today: Christine K. Nursery Thurs: Cheryl D. Birthdays: Eric L—9th; Will C—14th; Chloe D—26th; Anniversaries: Ravi and Debbie D—4th; Eric and Michelle L—21st, Mike and Jamie L—23rd

Announcements: Friday, May 23, we will NOT have our fourth Friday fellowship. The Saturday following is the annual crawfish/shrimp boil at our house from 12 noon-until. All are welcome. \* Thursday, June 5, Missionary Daniel Parks from the US Virgin Islands will be preaching the mid-week service. \* Note: Wednesday, June 11, Peter Meney, pastor of Eggesburn Baptist Church, Eggesburn, England will be preaching the mid-week service—no service Thursday night of that week. \* Today is the last day to give an offering for Grace Baptist Church at Taylor, AR to help with their new building. Be sure to mark the offering "Taylor." \* 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.

Isaiah 55: 1: Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,

Thirst, as a feeling of the soul, in a spiritual sense, is certainly indicative of divine life. It is as impossible, spiritually viewed, for a man dead in sin to thirst after a living God, as for a corpse in the graveyard to thirst after a draught of cold water from the well. I know for myself that such a feeling as thirsting after God had no place in my bosom until the Lord was pleased to quicken my soul into spiritual life. I had heard of God by the hearing of the ear. I had seen him in creation, in the starry sky, in the roaring sea, in the teeming earth; I had read of him in the Bible; I had learnt his existence by education and tradition; and I had some apprehensions of his holiness in my natural conscience; but as to any spiritual thirsting after him, any earnest desire to fear him, know him, believe in him, or love him,—no such experience or feeling, I can say for myself, ever dwelt in my bosom. I loved

the world too dearly to look to him who made it, and myself too warmly and affectionately to seek him who would bid me crucify and mortify it. A man, therefore, I am well convinced, must be made alive unto God by spiritual regeneration before he can experience any such sensation as is here conveyed by the figure "thirst," or know anything of the Psalmist's feelings when he cried, "As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:1, 2). Now wherever God has raised up in the soul this spiritual thirst after himself, he certainly will answer that desire, "the desire of the righteous shall be granted" (Prov. 10:24). His own invitation is, "Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters" (Isaiah 55:1); and Jesus himself says with his own blessed lips, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink" (John 7:37). Nay, he opened his ministry by pronouncing a blessing on such, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." JC Philpot

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### **One Body**

In the Epistle to the Hebrews we are told concerning the saints above that "they without us cannot be made perfect." We are the lower limbs as it were of the body, but the body must have its inferior as well as its superior members. It cannot be a perfect body should the least part of it be destroyed. Hence it is declared that in the dispensation of the fullness of time, he will gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth. The saints above with all their bliss must wait for their resurrection until we also shall have come out of great tribulation; like ourselves they are waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of the body. Until all who were predestinated to be conformed to the image of the firstborn shall have been so conformed, the church cannot be complete. We are linked to the glorified by bonds of indispensable necessity. We think that we cannot do without them, and that is true; but they also cannot do without us. "As the body is one and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many are one body, so also is Christ." How closely this brings us together. Those for whom we sorrow cannot be far away, since we are all "the body of Christ and members in particular." If it be dark, my hand knows that the head cannot be far off, nor can the foot be far removed: eye, ear, foot, hand, head, are all comprised within the limits of one body; and so if I cannot see my beloved friend, if I shall not again hear her voice on earth, nor see her pleading tears, yet am I sure she is not far away, and that the bond between us is by no means snapped, for we are members of our Lord's body, of which it is written, "not a bone of him shall be broken." Unknown

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### **Isaiah 55: 3: I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.**

Christian mourner, in the divine promises you have an equal proprietorship. They are as much yours as they were David's, of whose "sure mercies" you are the possessor. These promises are exceedingly great and precious in their nature—they are personal and particular in their application—they are absolute and infallible in their fulfilment. Death may appear to be written upon the promise, and upon all the means leading to its accomplishment, but there is a life in the promise that cannot die. See how God wrote the sentence of death upon the promise, as in the case of the age of Abraham—the sterility of Sarah—the abduction of Joseph—the demand for Benjamin—the banishment of David; and yet, in all the instances, the word upon which God caused those waiting souls to hope was made good to the letter; and the promise that appeared dead rose again with a life, all the more vigorous and glorious from its long and gloomy entombment. It is the believer's mercy to know that he has to do with a Divine Promiser, whose faithfulness has been proved, and with a promise whose power has been tested. There is not a promise with which the Holy Spirit the Comforter seeks to support and console you, but has passed through the crucible, and has been "tried as silver is tried." "The word of the Lord is tried." And if it be a fearful sin to doubt what God has declared, it is a tenfold aggravation of that sin not to believe, when a thousand times over He has made good what He has promised, and when a great cloud of witnesses testify that He has never once falsified His word. Octavius Winslow

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### **Dressing for Worship**

I am not about to establish a dress code for our worship services; but I abhor the casual, sometimes immodest attire that has become common in many places. In the house of God, attending the worship of God in the assembly of his saints, we ought to dress for worship, as people who take the worship of God seriously and come to the house of God respectfully. I know everything today is geared toward casual attire, because everything today is geared toward disrespect and utter disregard for others. Let us, out of reverence for our God, respect for one another, and the honor of the gospel of the grace of God, dress with some dignity when we come to the house of God. Do not over-dress, calling attention to yourself; and do not under-dress, showing a disregard for the worship of God. In the house of God especially, let us all adorn ourselves in "*modest apparel.*" Don Fortner