

May 18, 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:** Melinda C. **Nursery Thurs:** Debbie D. **Birthdays:** Eric L—9<sup>th</sup>; Will C—14<sup>th</sup>; Chloe D—26<sup>th</sup>; **Anniversaries:** Ravi and Debbie D—4<sup>th</sup>; Eric and Michelle L—21<sup>st</sup>, Mike and Jamie L—23<sup>rd</sup>

**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. \* 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](http://www.FreeGraceMedia.com).

There is an old saying, “If you get to thinking you are somebody with much influence then try ordering somebody else’s dog around.” Neither do we have power to order Christ’s dogs around. But “to his own Master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.” (Rom 14: 4)

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A faith that does not manifest itself in every area of my life is not saving faith. The first thing the Lord said to each of the seven churches in Asia was, “I know thy works.” It is our works that prove the reality of our faith. The example we give is what we really are! *Donnie Bell pastor of Lantana Grace Church, Crossville, TN*

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The mighty God will not despise  
The contrite heart for sacrifice'  
The deep-fetched sigh, the secret groan,  
Rises accepted to the throne.

He meets, with tokens of his grace,  
The trembling lip, the blushing face;  
His bowels yearn when poor sinners pray;  
And mercy bears their sins away.

When filled with grief, o'erwhelm'd with shame,  
He, pitying heals their broken frame;  
He hears their sad complaints, and spies  
His image in their weeping eyes.

*By Bruce Crabtree pastor of Sovereign Grace Church, New Castle, IN*

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### **Under the Law of Christ**

*1 Corinthians 9: 21: To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.*

What is it to be under the law to Christ? It is to be under the law of Christ which is the gospel of God the Father's electing grace who chose whom he would to save purely by his choice; it is the law of the gospel of redemption accomplished by Christ for each sinner for whom he died, in whom God is just and the Justifier of all who believe; it is the gospel of the necessity of the regenerating work of God the Holy Spirit to bring each redeemed child to faith in Christ; the law of Christ is the law of the everlasting, unchangeable, covenant, ordered in all things and sure by Christ, which is written on the heart in the new birth (Jer 31: 31-34); it is the law of liberty in Christ because Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to all who believe; to be under the law of Christ is to be under the believers rule of life which is faith which works by love (Gal 5: 6; 6: 16); to be under the law to Christ is to hear Christ teach us in the new heart that character and conduct do matter "for ye are bought with a price" (1 Cor 6: 20); this law is summed up as "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" which has freed us "from the law of sin and death." (Rom 8: 2)

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**A QUESTION WITH NO ANSWER:** God does not have to save any guilty sinner, and that means any of us. He would be just and righteous if He condemned us all without exception. This is what we merit. But the gospel states clearly (and this is the "good news") that God chose to save some. Why some and not all? To that question there is no answer, for God has not revealed it to us. Even the apostle Paul did not have the answer. People in his day were asking the same question, "*Why does He (God) still find fault? For who has resisted His will?*" and Paul replies with a reprimand, "*Indeed, O Man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to Him who formed it, "Why has thou made me like this?"*" (Rom. 9:19-20). The marvel is that God chose to save any. In the Day of Judgment no condemned sinner will be able to say that God is unjust and that he does not merit God's righteous condemnation. Nor will any saved sinner be able to say that he merited the salvation which God provided for him in grace and mercy. Could God have saved all fallen sinners if He so desired? He certainly could, but He chose not to. *From the article "A Distinctive Gospel" by Bill Clark former missionary; now departed to that blessed hope.*

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### **Pray For One Another (James 5:16)**

We often say we will pray or are praying for one another, but too often I fear we are satisfied with just having what some call an "attitude of prayer." I fear this usually means we are too lazy or neglectful to actually follow through and pray for one another. Paul desired God's blessing upon the Ephesian believers, and he said in Eph 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . I can think of nothing more encouraging than that one or some of God's people are on their knees before God, praying for me. *Chris Cunningham pastor of College Grove Grace Church, College Grove, TN*

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The gospel of Jesus Christ, the whole gospel, and nothing but the gospel must be stressed. The gospel is related to every doctrine of the Bible, but each of those doctrines is empty without the glory of Jesus Christ. I am convinced that faithful heralds of the gospel are much more than mere doctrinaires. I am furthermore convinced that the faithful proclamation of the glorious and unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ would rid churches of the need for the modern glut of "Christian" psychiatrists and psychologists, endless family seminars devoid of the gospel, evangelistic racketeers who misuse and pervert the gospel for their own monetary gain, and the whole host of modern Christless innovations. - *Daniel Parks pastor First Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Frederiksted, VI*