

May 25, 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: Kris. D. **Nursery Thurs:** Michelle L. **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: 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.

This week a woman asked me a question I rarely, if ever, have been asked. She asked, "What is different about your religion from all the other religions in the world?" What a good question! My answer to her was this, "The gospel of God's sovereign grace in Christ Jesus is the one message out of all religions in the world that declares God does it all. Every other religion, not matter if it calls itself Christianity or something entirely different, puts a work in the sinners hand for salvation. The gospel declares salvation is of the LORD: God choose whom he will save, the Son came in human flesh and accomplished their redemption from sin, Christ brings the gospel in truth to each one, the Holy Spirit regenerates them, gives them faith and repentance by which they believe on Christ, and God keeps them until the day he brings them home to glory. So God gets all the glory man gets none. This is offensive to natural sinners. But God gives his people a new heart so that we delight for God to have all the glory." My new friend said she had never heard anything like that. She asked for our website so she can hear more. Pray for her that the Lord will make her do so.

THE GREAT I AM

Exodus 3: 13-15

Christ revealed himself in the burning bush as God, saying, "I AM". During his earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus declared himself to be God by saying, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM." (Jn 8: 58; 10: 33; 36; 6: 35) It means he is God in every aspect of our salvation. Here are seven things we need in order to be saved. These seven things the Lord Jesus Christ is as God, the great I AM.

Spiritual Life: The Lord Jesus said, "I AM the Bread of Life." (Jn 6: 35) Every person reading this was born dead, without spiritual life. Christ is the Bread who gives Life and is Life. By his Spirit we are born again and we eat. We eat of the Bread of Life by faith, believing on Christ. (Jn 6: 28-29; 40-48)

Spiritual Light: The Lord Jesus said, "I AM the Light." (Jn 8: 12) We are born in darkness in sin. If we would see, we must have Light; if we would have life we must have Light. Christ is the Light of the world. His Light, like the sun shining all over the world, shines into the hearts of his people, enlightening us to life wherever we are in the world. He that follows Christ shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life.

The Way, the Truth and the Life: Christ said, "I AM the way, the truth and the life." (Jn 14: 4-6) The only way we know God is by Christ teaching us and being formed in us. He puts us in Christ the Way. He teaches us Christ the Truth. He gives us Christ the Life—"no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Entrance: Christ said, "I AM the Door." (Jn 10: 7) All God's people shall enter God's presence one way, Christ the Door. If someone sneaks in through the window they are a thief, a robber. Christ's sheep come through the door. (Jn 10: 8-9)

A Shepherd: Christ said, "I AM the good Shepherd." (Jn 10: 11) The good Shepherd gave his life for a particular number of elected sinners whom the God the Father gave to him before the world was made. He did not lay down his life for the sheep but make it possible for goats to become sheep if they will just give their horns to Jesus. (Jn 10: 14-15) The success of Jesus Christ putting away the sin of his people, obtaining eternal redemption for us by his one offering, is where the very glory of God is set forth. (Heb 1: 3; 9: 12, 26; 10: 12 -14; Rom 3: 25) By laying down his life for his sheep the law is fulfilled for his sheep, justice is satisfied for his sheep, sin is put away for his sheep, righteousness is accomplished for his sheep, and redemption is obtained for his sheep. Now, the righteousness of God demands that they must be called by our gospel, regenerated and given faith in Christ Jesus and they shall.

Fruit: Christ said "I Am the true vine." (Jn 15: 1, 5-6) He is the Vine in whom we live and bring forth fruit. He grafts us into the vine in divine

election. His spirit is live flowing into us like sap from the vine to the branches. All fruit is by Jesus Christ. ((Php 1: 11)

Resurrection: Christ said, "I AM the Resurrection." (Jn 11: 25-26) If there is one work a sinner cannot do then he must have Christ to do them all. Sinner, can you resurrect yourself from the dead? Then you must have Christ do all the work from A to Z. If we would be partakers of resurrection glory and eternal life, he who is the Resurrection and the Life must be ours.

Friends, you cannot find another Salvation for there is no other than Christ the great I Am. Salvation is of the Lord. How can I know this salvation is mine? How can I know this Savior is mine? "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Rom 10; 9)

One of the paradoxes of salvation in Christ is that it is both vast and narrow at the same time. There is vastness in salvation by Christ. His blood cleanses the deepest stain. Christ saves sinners who are in the deepest depths of sin. Christ the Good Shepherd finds and brings home the lost sheep who is furthest away from Him. Christ saves sinners from every nation, every race, every language, and every walk of life. The obedience of Christ is vast enough to cover every requirement of God's law. Yet at the same time, salvation in Christ is so narrow that only helpless, hopeless sinners, who bring no merit or deeds of their own, may enter. *Frank Tate pastor of Hurricane Road Grace Church*

The word 'uttermost' is a comforting description of the people Christ came to save. Christ is able to save the most sinful, most vile, most wicked, most impossible, most helpless, most useless, most distant, most perverted, most unbelieving, and most worthy of hell! Christ has the power, the will, and the right to rescue every sinner who's utterly lost. In fact, He came to save only those who are LOST! Are you a lost cause? Are you the most wicked and unworthy of God's mercy? Are you so perverted and corrupt that you suppose Christ cannot save you because you're too far gone? Will you hear the word of God? "He is ABLE also to SAVE them to the UTTERMOST that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." He intercedes for those who come to God by Him. If you come to God by Him, it is because He has always interceded for you, long before you knew His blessed name. *Eric Richards pastor of San Diego Grace Fellowship*