

June 1, 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: Carol D. **Nursery Thurs:** Christine K. **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, Daniel Parks, pastor of First Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Frederiksted, VI will be preaching the mid-week service. * 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.

Melinda and I thank you very much for the dishwasher.

“Providence reads best backwards”—Thomas Boston

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each have a distinct view of Christ: Matthew speaks of him as King, Mark as Servant, Luke as Man, and John as God.

If the congregation had the preachers view point they might be convinced that Satan is very much at work during every service, using our slumbering eyes, our bladders, our little children, flies and many other means to turn the attention of as many as possible away from Christ in the gospel being preached. That is why we have beds, bathrooms, nurseries, and fly swatters.

LAWFUL CAPTIVES DELIVERED

Isaiah 49: 24: Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? 25: But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. 26: And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

The mighty and terrible is Satan, with the powers of evil and all falsehood. The prey are those God shall save by his grace, his elect.

Had Satan seized Adam by mere power, we would be his unlawful captives. But by Adam's transgression against God, all mankind became Satan's lawful captives.

The chains of the lawful captives are as strong as the sanctions of the law we have violated. How strong is the law of God? Christ said, "verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." (Mt 5: 18) The LORD told Moses, "I will by no means clear the guilty." (Ex 34: 7; Rom 6: 23) "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Eze 18: 4) Therefore, every sinner shall die—either in a Substitute or in their sins. The holy justice of God demands it.

Now, here is the question for you personally, are you a sinner? Whether you know it or not, admit it or not, you are a sinner? (Rom 3:23) You who are unconverted are dead in trespasses and in sins, under the curse of God, hanging over the pit of hell by a thread, in the grip of the prince of darkness, his lawful captive because you have broken the law of God. There is nothing you can do to free yourself: a guilty criminal cannot justify himself; you cannot walk an aisle to freedom; you cannot be baptized into freedom, you cannot work yourself to freedom; you have to die! It is the very holy law of God which fastens our shackles tight. The justice of death must be carried out upon the convicted. How then can God be just and yet set the captive free in mercy? How can you die and yet live? This becomes the question of all questions, "Shall the lawful captive be delivered?"

Bless God, the answer is yes! "Thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered." By whom?—"for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." THE LORD God, Christ the Redeemer, pledged himself to deliver the elect of God in the everlasting covenant of grace when he struck hands to become our Surety. How does Christ accomplish this deliverance of his people? In a three-fold way.

Deliverance by Redemption. First, Christ delivers by redeeming his people through his death. (Heb 2:14-15) On the cross, the world was judged,

Satan's head was crushed, and all God's elect were redeemed. (Jn 12:31-33) Christ bore the sins of his people, the penalty of justice and all the fiery darts of the wicked. Yet, Christ remained faithful. By laying down his life Christ spoiled principalities and powers, and him that had the power of death, the devil. He took away Satan's ammunition—our sin—when our scape goat carried our sins away into that land not inhabited. Our High Priest entered into the presence of God with his own blood. Now God is eternally satisfied with his people; now the serpent's power is broken; now his usurped dominion over the nations of the world is overthrown. (Rev 12:9; Jer 31: 10-11)

Deliverance by Regeneration. Secondly, our deliverance is accomplished by regeneration. Until quickened by the Holy Spirit, Christ's redeemed are yet under "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." (Eph 2: 2) But Christ enters through the preaching of the gospel by his Holy Spirit, binds the strongman and takes his redeemed child from Satan. (Luke 11: 21-22) When Christ finished his work in the demoniac of Gadara, he was "sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind." So it is for every believer by our all-victorious Head, Christ Jesus: we are seated at the feet of Christ, clothed in his righteousness, and have the mind of Christ.

Deliverance by Resurrection. Finally, we shall be delivered forever by resurrection. Christ is the Resurrection. (Jn 11: 25) The last enemy to be destroyed is death, "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15: 54-57)

In that day, the Lord assures you and I, believer, "all flesh shall know that I the LORD am **THY** Saviour and **THY** Redeemer, **THE** Mighty One, of Jacob."

Men and women who think highly of themselves pray, "God, be just to me and give to me what I deserve."

We who know ourselves to be what we truly are pray, "God, be merciful to me and withhold from me what I deserve – Your everlasting wrath. And be gracious to me and give to me what I do not deserve – Jesus Christ as my All In All."
Daniel E. Parks