

June 15, 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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11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Cheryl D. **Nursery Thurs:** Debbie D. **Birthdays:** Alexis L—2nd; Carol D.—7th; Art D—7th, Michelle L.—7th; Laxman Inderjeet—23rd; AJ D—26th; **Wedding Anniversaries:** Kevin and Kris D—5th; Laxman and Davika Inderjeet—30th; **Announcements:** As always, if you offer extra toward our building fund be sure to mark the offering as such. * On the offering envelopes, please only put the amount on the outside, not your name * If you would like the pastor's preaching schedule, as well as other meetings scheduled for us here, then go to www.FreeGraceMedia.com.

So that there are no distractions during the preaching of the glory of God in Christ Jesus but so that the children can hear the gospel preached, we have a nursery equipped with a digital flat screen television broadcasting all services live, for children 4 and under. Also, please bring no drinks or food into the service.

Isaac Watts wrote this verse about being with Christ in glory for all eternity:

“Millions of years my wondering eyes
Shall o'er thy beauties rove;
And endless ages I'll adore
The glories of thy love.”

When we sinners believe the Lord? We will believe when the Lord makes us see we have nothing good in us but that Christ is All. We will cast our care into the hand of the Lord when the Lord makes us see that we cannot provide for ourselves but that he careth for you. We will be strong only when the Lord makes us know we are utterly weak but that Christ is all our strength. This is so in things spiritual and temporal. The LORD provides all. We have no sufficiency in ourselves for anything.

Have We Learned Christ?

Ephesians 4: 20-21

The believer is a person who has undergone and is undergoing a divine work of grace within. This work began and continues by the hearing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In verse 21, of our text, plainly states, *"if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus."* This hearing is not the common hearing of men but the hearing of the gospel in power and in demonstration of the Holy Spirit. In I Corinthians 2: 4, where this is stated, the word demonstration means an inward manifestation of the gospel. God, the Holy Spirit, demonstrates the mercy and grace of Christ within the hearing sinner and he is sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. (Ephesians 1: 13) Those who truly hear know that both the messenger and his message is from the Lord. John said, *"we are of God; he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby, know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."* (I John 4: 6) All those who hear the gospel, in power, are born of God and given the ability, the right, and the privilege to become sons of God. (John 1: 12-13) They have, by the gracious gift of the Father, been *"made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."* (Colossians 1: 12) Those who truly hear, keep on hearing, and never lose their appetite for the gospel. In Hebrews 10: 39, Paul says, *"we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."*

The believer is a person who has undergone a divine transformation; a divine work of grace within. He is not what he was and not yet what he hopes to be, but is what he is by the grace of God; a new creature in Christ Jesus. *"For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that he should walk in them."* (Ephesians 2: 8-10) The believer is rather like a woman shopping who sees a garment and thinks to herself how good she would look with it on. So she finds a way to get it. Believers do not continue to walk in the vanity of their minds but have seen with spiritual eyes the beauty and majesty of Christ. *"Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ and make provision for the flesh."* (Romans 13: 14) Apart from this inward work of grace all else is folly. *Darvin Pruitt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Taylor, Ar*

Not Eloquent, Why?

Exodus 4: 10-11

The LORD made Moses slow of speech. Think of all God had given Moses since birth: he delivered Moses out of the river, raised Moses in Pharaoh's house, directed his steps to where he was now, and gave him all these sure promises. The LORD could have given Moses eloquence but he

did not. Why? The glory in delivering his people is the Lord's. "This is the word of the LORD...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." (Zech 4: 6)

One Pressing Question

Every time I get into a discussion with a person over the differences in our faith it inevitably comes down to the same question; "What is the gospel?" In short, the gospel is a Person. The content of our faith is completely tied to the True Person and True Work of the Lord Jesus Christ; who He is and what He did is everything in the gospel. The Word of God is our only source of light and truth in answering this most pressing question. 'Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth.' Jn. 17:17 God's word is a revelation of the person and work of Christ. However, using biblical terms to answer these questions is not sufficient IF one is guilty of changing the meaning of those terms. Truth is, if words have meaning, and they do, God's word must be believed for what it means. To say I believe all men are sinners because the bible says so, and then give those same men the ability to accept Christ by their own free will, is to deny what a sinner is. To say I believe that Jesus is the Christ because the bible says so, but then to deny His success in accomplishing the full salvation of all Israel is to change the title Christ to 'christ wannabe'. To say I believe that Christ kept the law of God perfectly because the bible says so, and then to use that same law as a standard to prove men's salvation, is to deny that Christ is in fact the end of the law for righteousness. To say I believe salvation is of grace and not of works and then to make the accomplished work of Christ contingent on something I do, is to change grace to works. To say I believe Christ raised from the dead because the bible says so, and then to suggest in any way that there is something left for us to do in order to secure our salvation, is to change the glorious truth of the resurrection from a declaration of Divine satisfaction to a mere historical event. We could go on to every precious truth declared in God's word about the Lord Jesus Christ. Only when Christ is preached according to the scriptures does the gospel become the power of God unto salvation. God has never used a false prophet's preaching to effect the salvation of one of His children. Satan is a counterfeiter by nature. The Lord said he was a 'wolf in sheep's clothing', an 'angel of light' a 'minister of righteousness'. We ought not be surprised that he would use God's word to spread his lies. All he has to do is change it's meaning a little. A little leaven leaveneth the whole loaf. Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees. It destroys the gospel. *Greg Elmquist, pastor of Grace Gospel Church in Apopka, FL*