

August 31, 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

Services Broadcast Live @
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10:15 a.m. Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

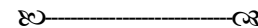
Nursery Today: Volunteer **Nursery Thurs:** Michelle L

B'Days: Kathy A—3rd; Kenny C—14th; Christine K—25th; Sarah K—27th; **Anniversaries:** Clay and Melinda C—6th; Cyril and Lenore Rennels—18th

Announcements: This months Fourth Friday Fellowship will be Sept 20th * 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

Please, no drinks or food in the service.

Also, we have a nursery equipped with a digital flat screen television broadcasting all services live, for children four and under.



True preachers of God do not spiritualize the scriptures. God does that. The word of God is spiritual and God must be worshipped in spirit. The problem is carnal men “carnalize” the scriptures.



HE HATH MADE US

Ephesians 1: 6...wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

If we look for something we have done to give us assurance, we only find things which discourage us. Full assurance of salvation is in the goodness and grace of God our Father given to us before he ever even made the world.

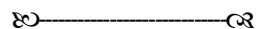
He hath made us—Verses 3-6 tell us what God the Father did before the foundation of the world. God’s love for his elect goes

beyond the dimensions of time. From everlasting to everlasting, our holy God and heavenly Father embraced us with unchangeable love and satisfaction. God the Father blessed us with all spiritual blessings. What he did in eternity can never be undone in time; what was done before Adam cannot be undone by Adam.

Accepted—means, before God our Father, we came forth into the earth holy and without blame from our mother’s womb. “Accepted” means, before God our Father, we have honored and magnified the spirit of his holy law all our days, believing and loving him perfectly, as well as our brethren. “Accepted” means that our person, our character, our motives are all consistently perfectly one with God our Father therefore our God and our Father considers us worthy of his praise. That is what the word “accepted” means. But how can all these things be said of me the sinner?

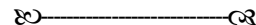
In the Beloved—The acceptance of our persons by God the Father is not because of anything in us but because of everything in Christ the Beloved. When God the Father put his elect in Christ, God our Father put the beauty of his beloved Son on us, "And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God." (Ezekiel 16:14.) Before making the world, God the Father made each of his elect eternally, inseparably one with Christ and received each elect child with the same love, favor and delight that he has for his only begotten Son. Each elect child is the favorite of God our Father like Christ is his favorite, “Thou hast loved them as thou hast loved me.” (Jn 17: 23) God the Father considers each elect child as worthy of his praise as Christ his Son. Our union to Christ is a union that makes necessary our regeneration and salvation. (Eph 1:23; 4: 13). Therefore, God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance and all shall come to repentance and none shall be lost by his sovereign, effectual grace. (2 Pet 3: 9)

My prayer is that God our Father would give you this fear, enlightening your eyes to see how ordered he has ordered, how sure he has made sure, our salvation in the Beloved. Someone said, “You cannot drown a man’s foot unless you can drown his head; and if our Head is in heaven, we are safe. And he, our Head, is there.” In Christ we are safe and secure from all harm. We will never have peace until we simply believe God. In humble faith, trust the word of God.

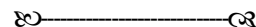


MYSTERY

One of the great mysteries of the gospel is how God can be just and justify a sinner. Anybody who knows anything about the character of God realizes He is HOLY. "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Host." God will never, neither could he, justify a single sin. "Every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense (penalty, punishment) of reward" (Heb.2:2). God has and will punish sins. He must do it or cease to be an Holy God. Not one sin shall escape his Holy eye and his glittering sword of justice. And God has punished sins. He did it in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ our Lord on Calvary’s tree. He was smitten of God and afflicted. For the transgression of his people he was stricken. Sin has been punished and put away in a manner in which justice is absolutely and eternally satisfied. Now God can, for the sake of Christ, save, justify, forgive, be merciful etc. The good news of the gospel is this: "Every sin will be adequately punished; blessed be God, not every sinner." *Bruce Crabtree, Pastor of Sovereign Grace Church, New Castle, IN*



Avoid any advice that you cannot see is taken clearly and unquestionably from the word of God. There are many experts. There is one truth. *Chris Cunningham, Pastor of College Grove Grace Church, College Grove, TN*



ANY RELIGION

Any religion, which claims that salvation depends upon man to make a decision to accept salvation, is preaching a god who cannot save and they are not preaching man as he is either. Scripture declares God to be sovereign, doing His good will without ever consulting man, saving whom He will, when He will (Daniel 4:35, Rom 9:15). Scripture also declares man to be incapable of deciding to do anything holy or right because all men died spiritually when Adam fell (Rom 4:12). Dead men cannot decide to do anything because they are dead. The only thing a dead man can do is stink. So if scripture is true, man is completely dependent on God to save us. Man is the one who is waiting on God not the other way around. "So then, it is not of him that willeth, or of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy" (Rom 8:16) *Frank Tate, Pastor of Hurricane Road Grace Church, Ashland, KY*