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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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15 am. Bible Class 11:00 a.m. Service: Opening Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Emma C; Kris D. **Nursery Thurs:** Michelle L.
BDays: Debra Lyn—6th; **Anniversary:** Greg and Martha C—31st; **March Cleaning:** Keller Family

SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 4: 1: Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. 2: For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. 3: For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. 4: He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. 5: Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6: Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7: Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8: Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9: She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. 10: Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. 11: I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. 12: When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. 13: Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.



When our Substitute hung in darkness cut off from God in justice, he hung there “believing he would once again see the goodness of God in the land of the living.” He had that perfect faith under the wrath of God as he bore the sins of his people away forever *to the land not inhabited*. (Ps 27: 13; Le 16: 22) Christ lives in the believer and it is the same perfect faith of Christ by which our faith is sustained in our inner man. (Gal 2: 20)



No one has ever done anything to or against me that can even begin to compare with what I have done to and against my God, both before he saved me and since. If God in heaven has forgiven me, it should be easy for me to forgive you of anything. Spirit of God, give me such grace. *Pastor Don Fortner*



Why have they separated themselves? Why do they preach a message so opposite to the gospel? Why do they associate themselves with such men? “*For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*” (1 Ti 6: 10)



Three Fruits of False Preachers

Acts 20: 30: Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Look at the three fruits of false preachers: 1) They once sat under the faithful preaching of Christ amongst God's saints—*Also of your own selves shall men arise.* 2) In order to differentiate themselves from the gospel and those they once called brethren they change a few points of doctrine from the truth they claimed to have been saved under—*speaking perverse things* 3) The intent is not Christ's glory nor the good of God's people but themselves—to draw away disciples after them.



This Sort Lead Silly Women Captive But Shall Proceed No Further

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.” (2 Tim 3: 1-9)



Ye Shall Know Them by Their Fruits

The Lord Jesus Christ said, “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” (Mt 7:15-20)

Brethren, compare what men say to the word of God and just as important, pay attention to a man's manner and conduct. We are not talking about isolated falls. But does a man preach the truth according to God's word in all his doctrine? Does he align himself with faithful men or reject them for unfaithful men? Is he a giver or a taker? Does he benefit himself or benefit God's people? Does his ministry result in unity among brethren or division and confusion? Christ said his people will know false prophets by their fruits. This includes both the word they preach and their manner of life as well as those who hear and follow them. If it bears thorns, it ain't a grape vine!

What do the Scriptures say?

Isaiah 8:20

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The Word of God alone is our only rule of faith and practice. We believe what God has caused to be written in the Book of Inspiration, nothing more and nothing less. So, with regard to every matter of controversy by which Satan seeks to divide the church of God, if the Word of God addresses the issue in question, it is not a matter of controversy at all. What do the Scriptures say about the matter? That settles the controversy. — *“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them”* (Isaiah 8:20). Here are some common matters of controversy, about which religious zealots draw swords and go to war with one another, *“speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them”* (Acts 20:30). But they are not matters of controversy at all.

1. Does God love all people? What do the Scriptures say? — *“Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated”* (Romans 9:13).
2. Did God choose some to salvation before the world began? What do the Scriptures say? — *“God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation”* (2 Thessalonians 2:13).
3. Did the Lord Jesus Christ die for all men, or for his elect alone? What do the Scriptures say? — *“For the transgression of my people was he stricken”* (Isaiah 53:8).
4. Was Christ made sin for his chosen when he died at Calvary, or did God just treat him as though he had been made sin? What do the Scriptures say? — *“He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”* (2 Corinthians 5:21).
5. Did Christ actually accomplish redemption for his elect by the shedding of his blood, or did he merely make redemption possible? What do the Scriptures say? — *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law”* (Galatians 3:13).
6. Is salvation determined by the will of man or by the will of God? What do the Scriptures say? — *“It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy”* (Romans 9:16).
7. Are sinners made partakers of the divine nature by the new birth? What do the Scriptures say? — *“His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”* (2 Peter 1:3-4).
8. Does the heaven born soul have in him two warring natures, the old nature of fallen Adam and the new nature of Christ, the old nature of flesh and the new nature of the Spirit? What do the Scriptures say? — *“The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would”* (Galatians 5:17).
9. Are God’s people sanctified (made holy) by their works or are we sanctified (made holy) by God? What do the Scriptures say? — *“We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ...For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified”* (Hebrews 10:10-14).
“Let God be true, but every man a liar” (Romans 3:4).