

August 24, 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 a.m. Bible Class
11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing

Hymn

Nursery Today: Melinda C. **Nursery Thurs:** No Service **B Days:** Ravi D.—25th; **Announcements:** No mid-week service here this Thurs, Aug 28 * Eric Lutter is scheduled to preach here at 11am, next Sunday Aug 31, no 10:15 service. * I am scheduled to preach this Thurs, Aug 28, at 7pm for Hurricane Road Grace Church in Ashland, KY; Sunday morning, Aug 31, at the conference in Danville; Sunday night, Aug 31, at 6pm for Todd's Road Grace Church, Lexington, KY * We are scheduled to baptize Kristyn Klinck, Sunday morning at Danville. * 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.

THE PROMISES OF GOD

"The promises of God," said one man, "are like the clothes we wear; if there is life in the body, they warm us, but not otherwise." Where there is living faith, God's promises afford warm comfort. Thus the true believer can say with Luther, "Although I am a sinner, yet I despair not; for Christ, who is my Redeemer and righteousness, liveth. In Him I have no sin, no fear, no sting of conscience, and no fear of judgment. In Christ there is no condemnation. I am indeed a sinner as touching this present life, but I have a righteousness of God which is above this life, Who is Christ my Lord. In Him I rejoice." *Maurice Montgomery, Pastor Emeritus, Bible Baptist Church, Madisonville, KY*

THE BODY IS DEAD

Romans 8: 9: But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you....10: And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

In Romans 8, those who walk after the flesh and those who walk after the Spirit are both religious folks.

Those who walk after the flesh, walk after the commandments of men, constrained by the law given at Mt. Sinai. It is impossible to be constrained by men or by law without having our mind set on the letter of the law and our own flesh. Therefore, the carnal mind is “enmity against God.” It “is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

Yet, the believer does not have to worry about the carnal mind being enmity against God because “ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.” And the believer does not have to worry about subjection to the law because the believer’s body is dead to the law and the body of the law is dead to us because Christ has taken care of our sin, “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin.” (See Rom 7: 4, 6) The Spirit is life because of the righteousness of Christ and the Spirit shall also quicken our mortal bodies. (Rom 8: 10-11)

“Therefore brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” (Rom 8: 12-13) If we mind the law, mind our flesh and are constrained by law, we will not have our hearts set on Christ alone. We shall die in eternal judgment. But as we continually hear of the faithfulness of Christ through the preaching of the gospel, the Spirit sets our affection on Christ above, strengthens our inner man to rest in Christ and makes us treat our body and the body of the law, as God says they really are, dead. (Gal 3: 1-6; Col 3: 1-4)

This is because, by divine revelation, believers have discernment to judge that when Christ died, right then, all things that needed to die, died before God: our old man of sin, we to the law and the law to us. (2 Cor 5: 14-15; Rom 6: 6-7; 7: 4, 6) Therefore, old things are passed away. Our worship is now in newness of spirit because we are a new creation by God’s work of grace for us and in us. Believers are not constrained by men or by law. We no longer glory in appearance, judging men after the flesh, but “worship God in spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh.” (Php 3: 3; 2 Cor 5: 16-18) Believers are now subject to Christ through faith and constrained by Christ’s love for us. “Faith which works by love” is the believer’s rule of life. (Jn 6: 28-29; Gal 5: 6; 6: 15-16) Brethren, glorify only God for this because all things are of God who reconciled us to himself by his Son and has given us this understanding. Brethren, believe God! In Christ, we are accepted sons of God. (Rom 8: 15-16)

SALVATION

Salvation is the most beautiful word that a lost condemned sinner could ever hear. It includes all the blessings of grace, and all the blessings of glory. It is the washing of our consciences from guilt, the redemption of our souls from the curse of the Law, the renewing of our heart by the Spirit of God, and the freedom of our spirits from the power and dominion of sin. It is to be loved and chosen by God, justified in Christ, born again by the Holy Spirit, pardoned of all wrong doing, received into the family of God, accepted in the beloved. It is to be an heir of God, joint heir with Christ. If I am saved, I have all wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption in Christ. *Milton Howard, Pastor, Kitchen’s Creek Baptist Church, Ball, LA*

WHY CHRIST CAME

Jesus Christ came into the world not only to reveal the Father, but to redeem the sinner. He came not as the President of our country who would go into a disaster area to look upon the poor, helpless victims, but to redeem victims of depravity whom the Father gave him in the covenant of redemption. Christ came not to redeem by appointed methods, but by Himself. He came not to stand by and prescribe, but to minister and provide the means of salvation. The Savior came not only to provide salvation, but to be that Salvation (I Pet. 1:18; Rev. 1:5). *Scott Richardson, 1923-2010 Pastor Emeritus, Katy Baptist Church, Fairmont, WV*

THE DIFFERENCE GRACE MAKES

According to the record of Rahab the harlot, the city of Jericho *heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for the nation of Israel (Joshua 2:10)*. Obviously, what had been proclaimed in that city was blessed to her by the Holy Spirit and in regenerating grace, by faith, she proclaimed to the spies, “*the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath*”. Scripture declaring that she was *justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way (James 2:25)*, we know that this woman was an object of God’s mercy. But when the men sent from the king of Jericho asked Rahab about the spies and their whereabouts... because they *received not the love of the truth*, that obviously had been miraculously proclaimed in that city, they received exactly what they wanted and judicially deserved...a lie. Hearing the Gospel of God’s free grace in Christ and refusing to believe leaves a man justly under the wrath of God. *Marvin Stalnaker, Pastor, Katy Baptist Church, Fairmont, WV*