

January 11, 2015

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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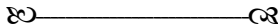
Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

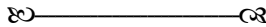
Message

Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Davika I. **Nursery Thurs:** Alexis L. B'Days: Mary Ann Lutter--17th; Vincent D-18th; John K—27th; **Anniversary:** Scott and Christine K—2nd; **FOURTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP Jan 23rd**



We have a nursery equipped with a digital flat screen television broadcasting all services live, for children 4 and under.



ACCESS

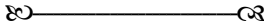
Ephesians 2: 18: For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Brethren, try to grasp the truth of this amazing statement. We have open, welcome access to God.

When God created Adam upright in the garden man had access. But when Adam sinned we lost communion with God. That is how it would have remained were it not for God. Sinful man wants no access to the true and living God. Dead sinners want to escape hell and go to heaven. But sinners do not want the God of heaven. Thankfully, God elected a people unto salvation whom God would give access back into his presence.

Yet, God could not simply give his elect access. Justice had to be poured out—we all had to die. Also, we had to be born-again, recreated in the righteousness and true holiness of Christ by the incorruptible Seed of the gospel. We had to be given repentance from self and faith in Christ.

In order for God to receive all the glory in giving us this access all three persons in the Godhead perform the work. God the Father chose us, God the Son redeemed us, and God the Holy Spirit quickened us. Notice all three persons receive the glory for giving us this access, “For through [CHRIST] we both have access by one SPIRIT unto the FATHER.” The reason we have access forever is to give God the glory forever!



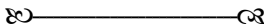
NO FRUIT FOREVER

Matthew 21: 18: Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. **19:** And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

The morning Christ returned into Jerusalem “he hungered.” (Mt 21: 18-21) Our Savior is God but he is also Man touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He found no fruit on the fig tree, only leaves, so he dried it up saying, “Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever.” But there was much more to this. The Lord Jesus was foreshadowing what he was about to do to Israel who rejected him in favor of their own works.

The Lord Jesus hungered to find fruit among the children of Israel but found none. So our Savior dried up natural Israel forever. This was foretold by Isaiah in a prophecy where the Lord destroyed his vineyard because they bore no fruit (Is 5: 1-7) Christ gave the chief priests and elders a parable similar to Isaiah’s prophecy. (Mt 21: 33-46) They were the miserable husbandmen. Christ is both the Son who was slain by the husbandmen and the Lord of the vineyard “who shall miserably destroy those wicked men.” The other husbandmen to whom he let out his vineyard, who shall render him fruit in their season, are God’s elect among the Gentiles.

Here is the lesson. Christ is the end of the law and the prophets. “In the volume of the book it is written of me,” Christ said. All who believe on him do so by his grace alone. But all who reject Christ shall be dried up to wither away in just reprobation.



In these hard economic times, we often hear the phrase, “I can’t afford...” followed generally by some material desire of sought after pleasure. The truth is if I can’t afford it I most likely don’t need it! Two vital things the believer actually can’t afford are: I can’t afford to neglect the worship of our Lord Jesus Christ; and I can’t afford to neglect my brothers and sisters in Christ. May the Lord enable us to be given over to those desires and pleasures. “Having food and raiment let us therewith be content.” *Bob Coffey*



1 John 2: 9: He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 10: He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11: But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.



JUDGEMENT OF MEN, JUDGMENT OF CHRIST

Matthew 26: 3: Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4: And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtlety, and kill him. 5: But they said, not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

God's law stated that in matters too hard to be judge between men, the men were to be brought to the judgment seat at Jerusalem. The priests were to judge and pass sentence. If the man would not obey his sentence, he was to be executed so that "thou shalt put away the evil from Israel." His execution was to be carried out in the most public way possible so that "all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously." (Deut 17: 8-13)

The priests who assembled with Caiaphas, the high priest, were supposed to be that judgment seat at Jerusalem. But they were secretly passing sentence to execute Christ who knew no sin. Also, they were determined not to do it publicly "lest there be an uproar among the people." That sums up our law-keeping and our vain judgment. No sinner ever fulfilled the law of God. But Christ did!

The matter of settling the judgment of his people was a matter too difficult for man. Therefore, on behalf of all his guilty people, Christ brought himself to Jerusalem. Though men could find no sin in him, Christ willingly made him sin for us. Then Christ willingly sentenced himself, giving himself to die on the cross. Thus, Christ fulfilled the whole law, settled the judgment of his people, and put away the evil from his spiritual Israel. Christ accomplished his death in the most public way possible. Therefore, the effect Christ shall work within all his elect will be the exact fulfillment of the law promised by God, "all the people shall hear, and fear and do no more presumptuously." This is brought to pass when the Spirit makes us behold Christ on the cross and turns us from ourselves to faith in Christ who established the law on our behalf.