

October 4, 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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WEEKLY MEETING LOCATION	MAILING ADDRESS
Rocky Hill Firehouse, 2 nd floor 150 Washington Street Rocky Hill, NJ 08553	7 Birch Street Pennington, NJ 08534 Clay Curtis, pastor

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15 a.m. Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Melinda C. **Nursery Thurs:** Carol D. **BDays:** Alyssa L. 8th; Joshua D--9th; Urmilla I—13th; Jacob I—16th; Jonathan D—21st; Ravi I—29th

Ecclesiastes 7: 14: In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.



The only way that one can truly empathize with a burden that someone is experiencing is to have experienced that particular burden too. To say, “I know how you feel,” and not having gone through that trial is not true. For all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ Scripture reveals, “For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15).

Marvin Stalnaker, pastor of Katy Baptist Church, Fairmont, WV



ALL EARS

A missionary to a remote tribe was attempting to translate the Scriptures into their language, and he had difficulty finding a word for obedience; a virtue that few of the natives practiced. One day, as he went home from the village, his dog stayed behind. The missionary called his dog to come and follow him. The dog came running at top speed. An old native by the roadside said in the native tongue, “Your dog is all ear.” The missionary got hold of that expression at once and so had a beautiful word for obedience: “A believer is all ears to the words of his Lord!” *Pastor Henry T. Mahan*



BELIEVE OUR REPORT!

Isaiah 53: 1: Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

In Isaiah's day, very few believed the gospel he preached. When the Gospel walked this earth and men heard him preach they believed not. He said, "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them. But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?" (Jn 12: 36-38)

Why do so few believe on Christ? Christ makes that which men think is their righteousness to be filthy. Christ's righteousness makes the sinner appear as he really is: vile, an abomination in God's sight. Not only this, the gospel declares there is nothing the sinner can do to make himself holy and righteous so that God will accept him. Our report declares Christ alone is the Righteousness of God. This means the sinner must take his hands off everything and trust Christ to present him to God.

Still, many think they are safe to go on in their unbelief because they are in the majority. Sinner, you would be wise not to judge something right simply because the majority do the same. When it comes to God, the majority is always wrong.

Oh, that God might use these words to reveal to you that Christ is the Arm and Power of the Lord; that he might make you believe our report and cast all your care into the saving arms of Christ. Hear and obey the Gospel, he says, "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light."



Luke 18:17: Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Believing on Christ does not require us wait to reach a higher level of knowledge till we can match wits with the wisest and most prudent in religion. Watch how the littlest, weakest, most helpless child looks to his father and mother to take care of him in everything. Christ says believing on him is to receive him like that little weak, helpless child receives his father and his mother.

THREE REASONS BELIEVERS CANNOT BE DECEIVED

In 1 Corinthians 2, the apostle Paul distinguishes between religious men: false and true, the spirit of the world and the spirit which is of God, natural men and spiritual men. (1 Cor 2: 1-5) Paul declares that God's true children are given a new spirit in which the hidden Wisdom of God is revealed by the Holy Spirit so that we know and speak the things freely given to us of God. (1 Cor 2: 6-13; Eze 11: 19; 1 Cor 3: 21; 1 Jn 5: 11) But Paul warns "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor 2: 14) Though true of all unregenerate sinners, in context, the natural man is the vainly religious man who minds the things of the flesh, who speaks with "enticing words of man's wisdom." Paul gives three reasons why believers cannot be deceived by the subtle craftiness of natural religious men.

1) **"But he that is spiritual judgeth all things."** (1 Cor 2: 15) One, believers cannot be deceived by natural men because we have an unction from the Holy One and know all things. By God's Spirit, we can discern between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. We can hear when God is receiving all the glory and when the sinner is being exalted.

2) **"Yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him?"** (1 Cor 2: 15-16) Two, believers cannot be deceived by natural men because spiritual men are taught by no man but by the Spirit of Christ. Paul declares here what he declared in verse 11. Only the Spirit of God knows the mind of the Lord so only the Spirit can instruct us in the new spirit. Besides this, what natural man is competent to teach anything spiritual to the child born of God? For what natural man has known the mind of the Lord, that the natural man might instruct the Spirit-born child of God? Not one!

3) **"But we have the mind of Christ."** (1 Cor 2: 16) Three, believers cannot be deceived by natural men because Christ himself is made our Wisdom. (1 Cor 1: 30) Christ makes known the things of God unto us. (Jn 15: 15) By Christ dwelling in us, Christ give us his mind, to make no reputation for ourselves but to take our place as his servants; to humble ourselves and become obedient before him entirely dependent upon Christ to exalt us. For we know, that is the mind of Christ by which he suffered the death of the cross and saved us from our sins. (Php 2: 5-14) And "He is in one *mind*, and who can turn him?" (Job 23: 14) So it is that those with the mind of Christ cannot be turned from Christ. (Read these same three things in 1 Jn 2: 20-27; 4: 4-6)