

December 17, 2017

## 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:** Hymns \* Scripture Reading \* Message\*  
Hymn. **Scripture Today:** Ravi D **Scripture Thurs:** Scott K **Nursery Sun:** Melinda  
C; Debra K **Nursery Thur:** Debbie D **BDays:** Cheryl D—3<sup>rd</sup>; Debbie D—17<sup>th</sup>;  
Anthony D—26<sup>th</sup>; Cyril R—30<sup>th</sup> **December Cleaning:** Curtis Family



## SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

**Proverbs 10: 18: He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.**



## A NOTE ABOUT SERMON NOTES

My charge from Christ is to minister to you who God has entrusted to my care. I endeavor to do so in every way God has provided. After preaching, I post my sermon notes on our FreeGraceMedia website, along with articles from those notes. In addition, I also email my sermon notes to the members of this congregation (as well as many outside this congregation) who request them. Most in this congregation receive them but many of our young people do not. I strongly encourage you to do so. The sermon notes are good for everyone but especially for you who are beginning to have an interest in the gospel. It is good, after hearing the message, to study what you heard at home, looking up the scripture references. At times when I am preaching I say things not in my notes and skip things that are in my notes. Therefore, by studying the notes as you listen again to the message you get the full message. If you would like to receive the sermon notes and/or weekly bulletins send a request to [claymel@verizon.net](mailto:claymel@verizon.net) and I will add you to the list to receive them weekly.



## LIFE FROM THE TRUTH

***“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth.” (James 1:18)***

It is impossible for a fleshly baby to be born from a seed that is not a fleshly seed. That is, a baby can't be born from a sunflower seed. So it is with the spiritual man. It is impossible for a spiritual man to be born again from a message that does not tell the truth about who God is, who man is, and who the Savior is. God will never use error to reveal Christ to the heart. No one is saved and then later on learns the truth of who Christ is. A sinner is saved when we know who Christ truly is and we believe on Him. We will know who Christ truly is when He is formed in us in the new birth.

*Pastor Frank Tate*



***“Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” -- Eph. 5:24-25***

Paul speaks to wives and says, "Submit yourselves to your husbands." This subjection is not only in body but in heart and spirit. Wives should love their husbands, think well of their husbands, speak respectfully of them, as well as respectfully to them, take care of family matters according to the husband's will, imitate him in that which is good, and bear patiently that which is not so agreeable. Paul adds, "As unto the Lord." The Lord has designated authority in the husband and commands obedience to and respect for that authority. To the husbands the apostle simply says, "Love your wives." This is still and always will be the key to any happy relationship! Because Christ loved us, He gave Himself for us. Because we love Christ, His yoke is easy and His burden is light. If a husband loves his wife, he will show affection for her, delight in her, seek her happiness and contentment, speak kindly to her, conceal her faults, and prefer her above his parents, children, and friends! You don't need to go to a marriage counsellor to solve your differences; you need to go to the cross and learn the meaning of LOVE.

*Pastor Henry Mahan*

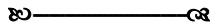


## **TWO WAYS TO FAIL IN PRAYER**

*James 4:2-3* tells us of two ways we fail in prayer. First, we fail because we do not pray; *“ye have not, because ye ask not.”* Prayer shows our dependence on God for all we need and a lack of prayer shows a lack of dependence on God, as James points out later in verses 13-16 when he warns us to not boast what we are going to do tomorrow as if we owned tomorrow. A prayerless man is a faithless man. So let us be much in prayer.

Second, we fail because we ask for the wrong reason; *“ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”* We ask amiss when we seek our will instead of God's will, when we seek to fulfill our pleasures instead of God's good pleasure. The remedy? let us pray often and seek the Lord's will in all matters knowing our Heavenly Father knows best., *“Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you.*

*Pastor John Chapman*



## **THE MOUNTAIN, HILLS AND TREES PREACH CHRIST**

When a sinner is born again to newness of life, for the first time, we behold Christ's glory all around us—*“the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.”* (Is 55: 12)

We behold how *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”* (Ps 19: 1) When you see the sun rise *“as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber”* then you think of Christ Jesus the Sun of Righteousness, the Bridgroom, and his church, his bride. (Ps 19: 5; Mal 4: 2; Eph 5: 24-32) As the day progresses you see the sun, *“rejoice as a strong man to run a race; His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it”* (Ps 19: 5) then you are reminded of Christ, the Strong Man, *“who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”* (Heb 12: 2) The rain and snow producing the tender bud reminds us, *“as the rain cometh down, and the*

snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” (Is 55: 10-11) When you plant the little seed in your garden, you remember Christ’s description of his great sacrifice for us, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*” (Jn 12: 24) There are too many to name: the cloud, the rainbow, the wind blowing where it will. These are not things that just happened to glorify Christ after they were created. No, these thing were created to glorify Christ—“*all things were created by him and for him.*” These things were created so that all around his saints, we are made to see Christ’s glory, “*the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*”

It makes you feel sorry for those who pass through this life rejecting Christ, opposing themselves, forsaking their own mercy. They never behold Christ’s glory and peace and joy. Sinner, don’t miss out! Believe on Christ and you will behold the glory of Christ. The Lord Jesus said to Martha, “*if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?*” (Jn 11: 40)



## FORNICATION UNBECOMING A SAINT

**Ephesians 5:3: But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;**

Why did the Holy Spirit move the apostle to say fornication is unbecoming a saint? Obviously, these are sins. But these are sexual sins which lead to the birth of illegitimate children of fornication. God calls Esau, who forfeited the right of the firstborn for the temporary gratification of his flesh, not a saint, but a *fornicator* (Heb 12: 16).

These sexual sins are unbecoming a saint because a saint is a firstborn son, not of fornication, but by the lawful union between Christ our Husband and his faithful bride, the church. Christ makes his bride faithful to preach his word in truth. By the gospel of Christ, the incorruptible seed, we are born again. (1 Pet 1: 23-24) We are made partakers of Christ’s nature having escaped the corruption and lusts of being children of fornication born of Adam (2 Pet 1: 4). So these sexual sins are unbecoming a saint, not simply because they are sinful, but because we are firstborn sons born and sanctified, not by fornication, but by a holy, lawful union of Husband and wife, Christ and his bride.

Brethren, our motivation in everything is not law but Christ! If we were merely told to abstain from fornication it would be the law of the ten commandments given at Mt. Sinai. But having faith to behold how Christ has made us firstborn sons conceived from a lawful marriage union through the preaching of the gospel this is a gracious command for the honor of Christ. It is for the honor of our Everlasting Father that it becomes us as saints to not once let these things be named upon us, either spiritually or physically.