

August 6, 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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10:15 am. Bible Class 11:00 a.m. Service: Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message*
Hymn. **Nursery Sun:** Christine K; Debra K **Nursery Thurs:** Kristyn K **BDays:**
Kevin T—1st; Ariel I—5th; Johannah T—5th; Jamie L—14th; Ravi D—25th; **August**
Cleaning: Thacker Family

ANNOUNCEMENT

After services this morning, we will meet at Brother Ravi Doodnath's house where our Brother John Keller will publicly confess faith in Christ in believer's baptism. Sunday, August 27, we are scheduled to do the same to witness our Brother Ben Moyer confess Christ in baptism.



UNMERITED OR DEMERITED?

By Pastor Todd Nibert

To define God's grace as unmerited favor fails to set forth the concept of God's grace. If I would randomly pick you from off of the street and give you \$5,000.00, it would be unmerited grace to you because you did nothing to merit it. But if you had brutally murdered my only child and I gave you \$5,000.00, that is more than unmerited favor. It is demerited favor. You demerit any hope of gaining my favor, and the favor I extend would be demerited favor. Unmerited favor puts the sinner in too high of a position. How glorious is God's grace, that He does not merely offer the grace to the murderers of His Son, but He saves them by His grace - ask the Roman centurion who presided over the death of Christ and was given saving faith. Unmerited favor fails to tell the Truth. It was demerited favor that saved me.



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN UNBELIEVER AND A BELIEVER

By Pastor Gabe Stalnaker

An unbeliever believes his doctrine. ***A believer believes God!***

An unbeliever believes his father and grandfather. ***A believer believes God!***

An unbeliever believes the verses of scripture that support his denomination. ***A believer believes God! (Every word that has proceeded out of His mouth!)***

An unbeliever only believes what his mind can rationally understand. ***A believer believes God! (If God said it, he knows it's so; even if his simple mind hasn't comprehended it yet!)***

A believer knows, loves, listens to, and sides with: The Lord Jesus Christ! ***A believer believes God!***

A WORD TO THOSE WHO PIERCED JESUS CHRIST

By Missionary Daniel E. Parks

Consider two prophecies in God's Word.

The first is in Zechariah 12:10: "And I [Jehovah] will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him [Jesus Christ] as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn."

The second is in Revelation 1:7: "Behold, He [Jesus Christ] is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen."

Every one of us has pierced Jesus Christ!

Some pierced Jesus Christ *physically*. These include those who crucified Him, and all others complicit with them in this deed. They pierced His *head* with their crown of thorns, His *hands* and *feet* with their spikes, His *side* with their spear.

All have pierced Jesus Christ *spiritually*. When we refuse to believe His gospel, we pierce His *heart* with our unbelief and rejection, and identify ourselves with those who pierced Him *physically*.

The first prophecy above tells us that some will look on the Christ they pierced, and then mourn unto salvation. This prophecy has been fulfilled (see John ch.19 and Luke 23:43, 47). It is still being fulfilled in those who see the pierced Christ and believe in Him through the preaching of His gospel (as in Acts ch.2). Are you one of them?

The second prophecy above tells us that some will look on the Christ they pierced and mourn – but too late for salvation (see Revelation 6:15-17). Will you be one of them?



GRACE AT SINAI

Exodus 19:1-6

By Don Fortner

The first thing Israel met with at Sinai was God's promise of grace. When the children of Israel left Rephidim, the place of murmuring, they came to the Mount of God at Sinai. While Israel was camped before the Mount of God, Moses went up to Sinai to God. And the very first word the Lord God gave to his people at Sinai was a promise of pure, free grace. First, he reminded the children of Israel of what he had done for them already, reminding them specifically of the grace and power of God they had already experienced. — "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself" (v. 4). Then he promised that he would make these chosen people, the people he had redeemed to himself, his own peculiar treasure above all people, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.

Yes, there were conditions to the promise (v. 5). The Lord said he would do these things for Israel, "if" they would obey his voice and keep his covenant. But, remember, that which God requires of his people he always gives to his people. So, the "ifs" of God are not to be read by us as conditions we must meet, but as promises of God, assuring us that he will meet the conditions he requires. What God promised at Sinai, he has performed for his elect by grace in Christ (1 Peter 2:5-10).

BE YE ANGRY AND SIN NOT

Ephesians 4: 26: Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27: Neither give place to the devil.

Seeing as how Christ the Truth has made his people the righteousness of God in truth, seeing as how Christ has sent to us the Holy Spirit of Truth, seeing as how God has created within us a new man by the word of truth, therefore at every lie and false way “*Be ye angry.*” Someone said: “If we would be angry and not sin, we must be angry at nothing but sin; and we should be more jealous for the glory of God than for any interest or reputation of our own.” After what Christ our Righteousness has done for us, when we encounter falsehood and are not angry, we sin by not being angry. We should be angry: at our own sin, at the ungodliness of men, at the unrighteousness of men, and especially when false preachers hold the truth in unrighteousness. A believer that is never angry at lies against God has no strong convictions for God!

It is popular in our day for religious folks to join with those who speak lies against our Redeemer in the name of love. But scriptural love speaks the truth in love. (Eph 4: 15) Love stands with Christ and his people against all falsehood. A child of God cannot bear lies against God our Father or our brethren. And we are told plainly not to bear them—*be ye not unequally yoked.*

Yet, we are to “*sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.*” Be not angry without a just cause and be not quick to anger else we play the part of the fool. (Ecc 7:9) Even when our anger is justified, we are to love our enemy. Therefore, we are to let go of anger quickly. The Psalm from which this verse is quoted tells us we do so by fleeing to Christ our Righteousness—“*Know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.*” (Ps 4: 3-5)

The one way to not let anger rest in the heart is to turn quickly to Christ. God set his elect apart in Christ and God will hear us in Christ. Commune upon our bed, offering up the sacrifices of righteousness, which is to put our trust in the LORD Jehovah by putting our trust in Christ our Sovereign Head. (Pro 3: 5-8) Christ alone has kept this precept in righteousness and Christ alone paid our sin for not doing it as we ought. So when we encounter lies against our Redeemer, be ye angry, and sin not. Before the sun goes down, commune upon your bed with Christ, putting your trust in him to do what he will with the offender. In Christ alone, we give no place to the devil!



JEREMIAH'S HOPE

The first word Jeremiah mentions when he speaks of his hope is, “*It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed.*” (Lam 3: 22) Jeremiah had no hope in personal merit, only in God's mercies; no hope in his morality, only in God's mercies; no hope in his religious works, only in God's mercies. He had hope in none of those things because Jeremiah was a totally helpless sinner in need of God to do all the saving. Only those who know themselves to be helpless sinners need the LORD's mercies. Therefore, only helpless sinners have this hope, “*It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed.*” Is your hope Jeremiah's hope?