

January 28, 2018

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.

Scripture Today: Rob K **Scripture Thurs:** Eric L

Nursery Sun: Sarah K; Debbie D

Nursery Thurs: Alyssa L

BDays: Vincent D—18th; John K—27th; Victoria R—27th;

Anniversaries: Scott and Christine K—2nd

January Cleaning: Lutter Family

GOOD NEWS!

Brethren, our faithful God promised, *“I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”* It is with a thankful heart that I announce to you that Grace Baptist Church in Nixa, Missouri has called Brother Eric Lutter to be their pastor. We will miss Eric, Michelle and Alyssa greatly but how happy we are for them and the brethren there. May God be pleased to bless Eric and our friends in Missouri for years to come!



Luke 12:42: And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?



SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 10: 26: As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.



Neither salvation nor sanctification is in any way a cooperative effort. When Peter was sinking beneath the waves, he didn't say, *“Lord, nothing is going to happen today that you and I together can't handle.”* He said, *“Lord, save me!”*

Pastor Chris Cunningham



Remember, when all was dark in Egypt the children of Israel had light. (Ex 10: 22-23) So it is with us who are given Christ the Light in the midst of this dark world. He promised, *“I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.”* (Jn 8: 12)



THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalm 19: 1: «To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.» The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. **2:** Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. **3:** *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.* **4:** Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, **5:** Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. **6:** His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The glory of God and the work of his hands are declared in God's creation. Christ is the DayStar who visited his people, the Light-shining in a dark place. (Lu 1: 78; 2 Pet 1: 19) In this Psalm, we see in God's first creation the glory and work of the new spiritual creation made by Christ Jesus his Son.

The Rising Sun

The rising sun reminds us of the rising of Christ from the grave, "*which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber.*" "*But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*" (Mal 4: 2) Christ is the Bridegroom and all his elect are his bride for whom he laid down his life. (Eph 5: 25) So, believer, as you wake early and head to your job with a thousand cares weighing heavy on your heart, when you see the sun arise from his chamber, remember, Christ has perfected us forever by his one offering. Proof is he arose! We are risen in him and seated at God's right. (Col 3: 1-4; Heb 7: 25)

A Tabernacle for the Sun

Speaking of the heavens and the firmament, our text says, "*In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.*" (Ps 19: 4) After Christ declared God just and Justifier of his people, God raised him, giving him a place to dwell forever in the holiest of holies and in the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man. (Heb 8: 1-2) The Lord's tabernacle is his church, in particular, each redeemed, regenerated saint. (Eph 2: 21-22; 2 Cor 6: 16) Remember when the ark went to its place? It went to "*Bethshemesh.*" It means "*tabernacle or house for the sun.*" (1 Sam 6: 12) Believers are the house of the risen Sun. Brethren, when you feel the heat of the sun, rejoice! Christ dwells in us, his tabernacle.

A Strong Man Running a Race

We see what Christ is doing now, he "*rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.*" The sun comes forth unstoppable. So does our risen King and Savior. He shines forth his glory irresistibly and "*filleteth all in all*", making every believer unspeakably happy. (Eph 1: 22-23) As he did not fail to set judgment in the earth on the cross, he shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment in the heart of each of his people. (Is 42: 4; 60: 1-4) He shall protect each blood bought child, doing for us in this earth only what is best and shall at last bring us home without losing one!

LESSONS FROM CREATION

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First, think of the consistency of the light of the sun. It is the same today as it was when it first shined. Likewise, getting our light from the Sun of Righteousness our doctrine never changes for “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*” (Heb 13: 8)

Secondly, all things in God’s creation revolve around the sun. Likewise, all things in God’s spiritual creation revolve around Christ, “*Christ is all and in all.*” (Col 3: 11) What would happen if the sun stopped shining? Believer, we could sooner do without the light of the sun than do without the healing Light of Christ given us through the preaching of the gospel!

Thirdly, the sun is the point from which our compasses give us direction and bearings. Likewise, Christ is the magnet that guides and controls those in whom he dwells. When in the forest, the wise man is always looking at the sun so that he knows which direction to go. The wise man in grace is always looking to the Sun of righteousness to direct his steps.

Fourthly, when the sun rises, it always returns to the earth at the end of the day. When the day of grace is over, Christ shall return. (Mt 13: 40-43) The self-righteous who boast in how “*I let my little light shine*” will be cast out in the day of judgment. But those broken and contrite, who make themselves invisible in this earth that all eyes might be on Christ shall be held up by our triumphant Redeemer as the trophies of his grace. For now, we do our best to be unseen that all eyes may be on Christ. But “*then shall the righteous shine forth as the Sun in the kingdom of their Father.*”

Fifthly, the sun is the only source giving light. In the new heavens and new earth, where all shall be the creation of Christ, there will only be one Light, “*And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*” (Rev 21: 23)

God has chosen to save his people by the foolishness of preaching not by the light of creation. But having been saved under the gospel, believers see that everything in this creation was made to glorify Christ. He is the Light and Life we must have. Look to him today and live with him forevermore!