

April 1, 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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15 **am.** **Bible** **Class** **11:00** **a.m.** **Service:**
Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* Hymn.

Scripture Today: Ravi D **Scripture Thurs:** Rob K

Nursery Today: Sarah K; Kristyn K **Nursery Thurs:** Carol D

BDays: Sarah D—2nd; Adam K—12th; Emma C—15th; Seanan K—18th; Kimberly T—23rd; Jared T—29th; Devika I—29th; Faith D—29th; **Anniversary:** Art and Cheryl D—17th **April Cleaning:** The DeRitter's

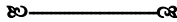


Today, we welcome to the pulpit brother's Scott Keller and Eric Lutter. Pray for these men as they endeavor to preach the gospel of Christ to you. This Thursday night, brother Eric Lutter is scheduled to preach for you. My family and I are enjoying a much needed vacation together in Florida.



SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 11: 7: 7: When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.



JESUS CHRIST IS BOTH FATHER AND BROTHER

Jesus Christ is to His family what no mortal could be to his family: both *Father* and *Brother*.

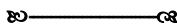
Believers know Jesus Christ as their *Father* because Jehovah identifies Him as our "Eternal Father" (Isaiah 9:6), and He calls us "My children" (Proverbs 8:32), and we are His "seed" or *offspring* (Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 22:30).

Believers know Jesus Christ as their *Brother* because "He had to be made like His brethren" (Hebrews 2:17), and "He [is] the firstborn among many brethren" (Romans 8:29), and "He is not ashamed to call [us] brethren" (Hebrews 2:11; cp. Matthew 25:40; John 20:17).

Believers take great comfort in these two glorious truths – for good reasons!

A father sees that the needs of his children are met. Therefore, when a need presents itself to a believer, the believer may say to it, "Jesus Christ, my All-Sufficient Father, will take care of you."

A brother comes to the defense of his siblings. Therefore, when Satan comes as a bully threatening a believer, the believer may say to him, "Jesus Christ, my Big Brother, will take care of you." *Missionary Daniel E Parks*



TAKING SIDES WITH GOD AGAINST OURSELVES

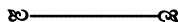
For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.
Romans 7:15-16

Paul says, “*For what I would, that I do not.*” That word “would” in this verse means to “choose and determine.” What Paul is saying is this, “What I want to do, desire to do, what I would choose, determine and prefer to do, I don’t do! Paul adds further, “*But what I hate, that do I.*” Paul is saying, “*I want to do what’s right.*” “*I would prefer to do what’s right.*” “*In my mind, I choose and determine to do what’s right.*” **BUT I DON’T DO IT, and I HATE IT THAT I DON’T!**

Paul continues and says, “*If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.*” It is here that Paul takes sides with the law of God. Paul condemns his evil. Paul mourns his transgressions. He consents that the law is good, and that God is right! Let me give you an illustration. If a man commits a crime and the law finds him guilty, he is judged by the law. He is found guilty according to the justice of the law. He is sentenced according to the parameters of the law. His condemnation, according to the law, results in him being put behind bars. Will that condemned man dare say that the law is the reason that he is incarcerated? It isn’t the law that put him there, it is his offence, his crime, and his sin that did.

The law of God is good. God is right and just. Aren’t you glad that Christ died the “JUST” for the “unjust,” to bring you to God? Do you see that it is YOUR sin that condemns you before God? It is then that the saved sinner will do as Paul did. He will take sides with God against himself and plead and beg for His mercy.

Pastor David Eddmenson



PREVENIENT GRACE—PREPATORY GRACE

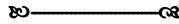
“Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness.” (Psalm 21:3)

The Lord God precedes the entrance of Christ into the hearts of chosen, redeemed sinners with unknown, secret works of goodness. Preventient grace is preparatory grace. It is that grace that prepares the chosen, redeemed sinner to receive God’s saving grace. By preventient grace, and then by the inward, secret work of God the Holy Spirit in the heart, God makes the heart of his chosen good soil to receive the Word sown (Matthew 13:3-9).

Sweet, indescribably sweet is that work of God’s providence and grace that precedes his grace, prepares the way for his grace, and brings his grace! Just ask any who have experienced it. How Bartimaeus must rejoice in his God-sent blindness that put him in the Savior’s path, who brought seeing to his eyes and light to his soul! That woman with an issue of blood for twelve long, miserable years today gives glory and praise to the God of all grace who bowed her body that he might bow her heart. I cannot begin to

imagine the praises of that once wild, Gadarene demoniac who now walks the streets of the City of God telling how thankful he is that he once walked in darkness among the dead, possessed of devils, that he might know the liberty of light, and righteousness, and grace in Christ. I can almost see that poor woman taken in adultery in Glory Land. How her face must beam with gratitude, joy, love, and praise, as she worships the God of all grace who brought her to the Savior by her being taken in adultery! See, yonder, the dying thief today with Christ in Paradise! How he must be overwhelmed with the goodness of God that preceded the grace he experienced when he was crucified with his Redeemer on Calvary's hill! It was the goodness of God in prevenient grace coming before that brought him to be judged, condemned, and crucified, that he might have the Lord Jesus Christ revealed in him as they hung together upon Calvary!

Pastor Don Fortner



BE NOT DRUNK WITH WINE

Ephesians 5: 17: Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18: And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19: Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Drunkness is sin. Drinking alcohol is not. We are not forbidden to drink alcohol in scripture but we are forbidden to get drunk. But the Holy Spirit is not using Paul to merely chop off one limb of the corrupt tree. If that were the case this would not apply to those who do not get drunk with wine. We should also look at “drunkness” as a metaphor which cuts at the very root of the tree, that is, our sin nature.

Drunkness caused by drugs and alcohol is like the intoxication caused by the old man of sin within us. Giving ourselves to our old fleshly man is like giving ourselves to wine. When our works, our belly, our senses, our pleasures, our glory, and the cares of this world are a man's god then he is drunk with the wine of his flesh. Our sin-nature is our root problem. A man could never touch alcohol but the root is still there. When a man becomes drunk with literal alcohol, it is because he first became drunk in his old man of sin.

The Lord is teaching us to walk after the Spirit, not after the flesh. Notice, he says “*And be not drunk with wine...But be filled with the Spirit.*” Both effect something in us. The flesh produces *excess*: pride, rioting, songs of the drunkard, rejoicing in the works of the flesh. But being filled with Spirit produces “*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

Therefore, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, let us drink deep from the cup of salvation rather than being drunk with the iniquity of the flesh or of wine.

