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## 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:** Eric L **Scripture Thurs:** Art D

**Nursery Today:** Michelle L; Alyssa L **Nursery Thurs:** Debbie D

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



Today, we welcome to the pulpit brother's Kevin Thacker and Scott Keller. These men have studied and struggled in prayer many hours to serve us by bringing a message from our great God and Savior. Therefore, let us give them the attention that such faithful labor demands.



### SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

**Proverbs 11: 8: The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.**



"It is true that I have sin in me, but it is pardoned. God has forgiven me all trespasses. I stand before Him in my Redeemer, Who undertook for me, and I am perfect in Him. The Father chose me in His Son: He looks upon the face of His beloved, and sees me in Him. In Christ He is well pleased, so He is with me! As He loves Christ - He loves me! This is the glorious privilege which by faith I now enjoy. I deny sight and sense, and I believe the Word of God! I adhere strictly to the Word of God concerning me, believing myself to be dead indeed unto sin in Christ, and in Him absolutely freed from guilt and condemnation. The Father is at peace with me, and He loves me in His Son, with the same love with which He loves Christ - His Father and my Father. With this persuasion I go to war with my corruptions. They are fighting against everything that is dear and precious to my soul. But having the promised grace of the almighty Savior for my help, I desire to set upon them in His name. I am at war with sin but at peace in Christ!"

William Romaine (1714-1795)



There is not a hint of universal redemption in the Book of God. Every text, every prophecy, and every type in Holy Scripture dealing with redemption declares it to be the effectual, accomplished work of the Lord Jesus Christ for his elect — Limited Atonement.

*Pastor Don Fortner*



## THE EFFECTUAL ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

Christ shedding His blood assures that every elect person will be brought to faith in His blood. There are those who believe that their faith makes the death of Christ effectual. That Christ died for all men without exception - as much for one as the other - the only difference being that one believes and the other does not. But it is not faith that makes the death of the Lord Jesus effectual but it is the death of Christ that assures us that every elect soul will be justified by faith in time. Listen to this Scripture; "*He (God) shall see of the travail of his (Christ) soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge SHALL MY RIGHTEOUS SERVANT JUSTIFY MANY; FOR HE SHALL BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES.*" Why is any man justified by faith? Because Jesus Christ bore his iniquities. Christ shedding His blood assures that every elect person will be brought to faith in His blood.

*Pastor Bruce Crabtree*



I see no reason to contradict and fuss with that professing Christian who insists that Christ has done no more for him than he did for Judas. Maybe the poor man is right. How can you contradict him if he is telling you the truth? I just take him at his word and leave it at that. But don't imagine that Peter believed Christ did no more for him than he did for Judas. Both men had horrible falls into sin. One betrayed Christ and the other denied him. Christ left Judas to die in his sin and go to his own place - to hell. Christ made intercession for Peter and delivered him from what otherwise would have been a damnable fall. Ask Peter if Christ did more for him than he did for Judas. Ask any believer who has truly been taught of God and he will tell you; "If the Lord had not intervened and pleaded my cause as he did, my sin would have damned me just as Judas's sin damned him." And every God taught sinner has lived to say with Peter, "Lord you know all things, you know I love you." *Pastor Bruce Crabtree*



## THE DEVIL'S FIRST METHOD OF ATTACK

***"I will let you go, and your little ones...not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire." (Ex 10: 10-11)***

The third time Pharaoh that offered Moses compromise, he said, "*Leave your little ones behind and ye that are men go.*" In the very beginning, this was the devil's first method of attack in the garden. He got Adam to turn his back on God using Adam's wife. Our dearest loved ones are often used by the devil to tempt us to depart from Christ, his gospel and his people. In fact, I cannot think of a single believer I know that has not faced this trial in some capacity. Years ago I knew someone who professed to believe the gospel of particular redemption, sovereign election, and irresistible grace. But they compromised with those who preach universal atonement and free will because their father and mother believed it. Often, when someone denies doctrine clearly taught in God's word it is because father or mother, husband or wife, son or daughter denies it. Yet, our Redeemer will not allow even those we love most to be a

point of compromise. He said, “*He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*” (Mt 10: 37) It is painful when loved ones oppose us. But a cross always is. Still, Christ says, “*And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.*” (Mt 10: 38) Believer, take up the cross by standing with Christ and Christ will honor it!



### LEST ANY OF YOU BE HARDENED

**Hebrews 3: 12: Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13: But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

A hardened conscience is frightening to think about. When I first began playing the guitar it hurt my fingers to press the strings to make chords. But as I practiced callouses formed on my fingers. In time I could play for hours without hurting at all. It is the same with a sinner. The little child’s conscience is tender. He is sickened with remorse at the least offense against father or mother. But as years pass the more he practices sin the more his conscience grows harder. It becomes easier to sin and easier to suppress a guilty conscience. Unless God intervenes in irresistible grace creating in him a new heart, in time his conscience becomes so calloused that he is incapable of being disturbed even at the vilest evil. The professing believer who is able to push aside rebuke he hears in the preaching of the gospel while ignoring his conscience is hardening his heart. He grows more and more hardened until at last his unbelief proves that God never created a new heart within him. Knowing this deceitfulness of sin, brethren, let us continually take heed that we do not harden our hearts at even the least rebuke we hear in the preaching of the gospel. At the very first prick of conscience, let us turn to Christ like a little child and confess our sins, asking Christ to direct our steps and to keep us from the evil.



*And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne (Revelation 8:3).*

Christ, the ever living Messenger of the covenant, the exalted Savior and Mediator of His church, now perfumes heaven with the savor of His glorious intercession for His people. The merit of Him being heard on our behalf is totally according to His obedient and finished life and death in the redemption of His people. But what comfort to a frail and needy sinner, one desiring but always struggling to pour out his heart unto the God of all grace, to know by faith that in the hour of our need, the sweet fragrance of His precious intercession is added to the prayers of His people and thereby those prayers are heard and accepted by God totally upon the merit of Christ. *Pastor Marvin Stalnaker*



No believer enjoys the suffering that comes with trials which our sovereign Savior sends. But our Savior said, “*Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*” (Jn 15: 2) As John Trapp said, “*Better to be pruned to grow than cut up to be burned.*”