

June 29, 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:** Rob K **Scripture Thurs:** Scott K

**Nursery Today:** Debbie D; Carol D **Nursery Thurs:** Emma C

**BDays:** Laxman I—23<sup>rd</sup>; AJ D—26<sup>th</sup>; **Anniversary:** Laxman and Davika I—30<sup>th</sup>;

**July Cleaning:** Everyone **Grass This Week:** Ben M

## UPCOMING

- *Friday and Saturday, August 10-11*, Pastor Darvin Pruitt and I are scheduled to preach at Grace Baptist Church of the Ozarks in Nixa, Missouri for the ordination of Pastor Eric Lutter.
- *Wednesday, August 29*, I am scheduled to preach for Katy Baptist Church in Fairmont, WV where Brother Marvin Stalaker is pastor.
- *Friday-Sunday, August 31-September 2*, I am scheduled to preach in the conference at Grace Baptist Church of Danville, KY where Brother Don Fortner is pastor. Brother Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Brother Bob Coffee from Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church in Kingsport, TN is scheduled to preach here Sunday, September 2.



## SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

**Proverbs 11: 27: He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.**



*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I Jn. 1:9*

Confession of sins, heartily admitting what we are as being born in Adam, is truly performed by those who are convinced of their sin before and against God. They have been made aware of their desperate need of forgiveness and have God's word and promise that the forgiveness they seek is faithfully and justly rendered unto them, not based upon their own merit but because of the obedience and sacrifice of Christ on their behalf.

*Pastor Marvin Stalaker*



Perfect, complete, without blemish, holy, blameless, spotless; these are just a few of the words the scriptures uses to describe Gods saints. We do not feel that we are any of these things in ourselves, but this is what God says about us. Do we believe what we see in ourselves or what God says about us? God describes us with these glorious words because of what our Lord Jesus Christ accomplished for us by his holy sinless life and his sacrificial death for us on the cross. God's word describes us as what we are in Christ. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. *Pastor Don Bell*



## SIN IS NOT IMPUTED WHEN THERE IS NO LAW

**Romans 5: 13: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14: Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.**

Read it and be sure to get what it means: "*sin is not imputed when there is no law.*" God will not impute sin unless a man has been made sin under law. God is righteous! He only judges righteous judgment! Therefore, God only imputes what a man is in reality. God never imputes something to a man and treats him "as if" he is something he is not. This verse declares the reason God justly imputed sin to men who lived between Adam and Moses, even though they did not have a law and had not broken a known law like Adam, is because in Adam all have sinned (v12). This one statement—"*sin is not imputed when there is no law*"—declares that God imputes what is just and what is reality. This is the word of God on how God imputes. Let God be true but every man a liar. God will not impute what a man has not been made under law, be it sin or righteousness.

God imputed sin to Adam because by Adam's disobedience he was made sin under law. (v12) God imputed sin to Adam's posterity because in Adam all have sinned. (v12) God imputed sin to Christ because by his obedience the spotless Lamb of God presented himself to the Father, laying down his life the Just for the unjust, and "*he hath made him sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*" (2 Cor 5: 21) Believer, here is the good news for us: God imputes righteousness to the believer, and will not impute sin to us, because by Christ's obedience all God's elect are righteous and have no sin to impute. (v19) Since our old man IS crucified with Christ so that our body of sin IS destroyed and since we ARE risen with Christ so that death HAS NO MORE DOMINION over us, God commands us not to impute it to be "as if" but God says "*Likewise, RECKON [impute] YE YOURSELVES TO BE DEAD INDEED UNTO SIN, but ALIVE UNTO GOD through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.*" (Rom 6: 6-11)



Living for God is living for the benefit of others, and serving God is serving others. — We can serve others without serving God; but we cannot serve God without serving others. *Pastor Don Fortner*



## THE SERVANT'S OBEDIENCE TO HIS MASTER

**Ephesians 6: 5: Servants, be obedient to them that are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6: Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7: With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free.**

In scripture, there were voluntary servants who dedicated themselves to others such as Joshua to Moses and Elisha to Elijah. Under the law some servants sold themselves to their debtor or were servants to make restitution for theft. (Ex 21:7; Le 25:39-47; 2 Ki 4:1; De 15:12-18) A willing-bond-servant had served his time and was free to go but loved his master so he continued to serve him. (Ex 21:2, 6; 25:40) A slave was a servant forced to serve—Joseph is the first slave in scripture. (Gen 37:27-28) This kind of service is oppression and abhorred by God. (De 24:14 Ps 103:6 Isa 10:1-3 Am 4:1 Mal 3:5 Jas 5:4) Today, most of us are hired servants working for our employer for a wage. In this text, God gives the believer, who was a forced servant, instructions how he was to serve his master. It does not suggest we should practice slavery in our culture where slavery is illegal any more than Paul meant that women should show their subjection to the man by wearing a head covering in our culture where head coverings are not the way women show their subjection to their husbands. But in both cases, it is the principle which applies. No matter a believer's position, we are Christ's free men and are to serve in subjection as unto Christ.

We learn all truth by looking to Christ Jesus. In Philippians 2, we see Christ Jesus "*took upon him the form of a servant.*" (Philippians 2: 5-8) God the Son, equal with God the Father, willingly took the form of a servant because his elect fell into slavery in sin. (Romans 6: 17, 20) Only our Kinsmen Redeemer could provide righteousness for us and pay eternal death for our sins. (Hebrews 2: 14-15) Due to sin's corruption, we think being served is the great thing. But in Christ we behold that serving for those we love is the greatest thing. (Luke 22: 26-27; Matthew 20: 26-28; Luke 9 48)

How did Christ serve? He served the Father obediently. Therefore, he says, "*Servants, be obedient to them that are masters according to the flesh.*" (Eph 6: 5) Christ served with fear and trembling as unto God his Master. Therefore, he says, "*Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.*" (Eph 6: 5) Christ served not as pleasing men but as the servant of God, doing the will of God from the heart. Therefore he teaches servants to serve "*Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.*" He served believing God would honor the pure motive of his heart. Therefore, he teaches servants to serve "*Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*" He teaches us that even in the lowest place of service we glorify God by being the best servant our master has and God honors those who honor him. (Read 1 Peter 2:18-24) May God make us great by making us willing to be least to serve one another rather than being served!