

September 9, 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 a.m. Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* Closing Hymn

Scripture Sunday: Art D; **Scripture Thursday:** Kevin T.

Nursery Sunday: Melinda C; Debra K; **Nursery Thursday:** Kristyn K.

B'Days: Kelsie K-14th; Christine K-25th; Sarah K-27th;

Anniversary: Cyril & Lenore R-18th;

September Cleaning: The Kane Family; **Grass This Week:** Greg C

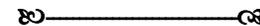
SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 12:2: A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.



The warrant of faith...is the Word of God...In things future and invisible we believe against sense; in things incredible we believe against reason (Heb. 11:1). It must not be, saith sense; it cannot be, saith natural reason; it both can and will be, saith faith.

-Thomas Manton (1620-1677)



“THERE ARE THREE THAT BEAR RECORD IN HEAVEN.”

1 John 5:7

The three Persons of the eternal godhead bear record in heaven. They bear record that Jesus is the Christ. “*The Father*” bears record of Christ by accepting his sacrifice. “*The Word*” bears record of himself by his own death, resurrection, and exaltation. “*And the Holy Ghost*” bears record of the Lord Jesus as the Christ of God by regenerating and effectually calling the redeemed, giving us faith in Christ. “*And these three are one.*” These three Persons are the one true and living God.

-Pastor Don Fortner



THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (1 Jn 1:7).

Oh, what good news the gospel of Jesus Christ declares to sinners. We are by birth and nature children of darkness, loving darkness rather than the true Light (John 3:19; Eph. 2:12). However, by the marvelous power of God through the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16), God has delivered us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Col. 1:13), that we should show forth the praises of Him Who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Peter

2:9). Furthermore, the gospel declares unto all that believe, that the precious blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. Not the blood of bulls and goats, not the ceremony and traditions of men, but the glorious blood offering of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, nothing less and nothing more (Heb. 9:26; 1 Peter 1:18-20), cleanses us from all sin, original sin, actual sin, sins past, present and future sins, ALL sin forever! Oh, the glory of this perfect, full and finished salvation we are blessed to possess and enjoy through our victorious Lord. *“Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (1 Cor. 15:57).

—Pastor Tom Harding



WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE

“And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” 1 John 2:11.

This scripture recognizes our frail, sinful human nature. A believer does not love sin, does not excuse or justify sin, but grieves over sin and desires to be without sin. Yet he owns and confesses his sin! As Spurgeon once said, “Sin is my name, sin is my nature, and to deny is to deny the Word, deceive myself and call God a liar. My old nature is such that I will sin until I die, for sin pollutes the best things I do.”

This scripture encourages the believer to trust and hope in the mercy of God AT ALL TIMES! It does not say, “If any man is holy, prayerful, and almost faithful, he has an advocate;” but IF ANY MAN SINS, he has an ADVOCATE with the Father. It does not say, “IF any man sins he forfeits his right to Christ’s advocacy.” Grace that can be forfeited because of human failure is not GRACE at all. Mercy that is conditioned upon the merit of the creature is not mercy at all. If my title to glory rests upon my works, either BEFORE OR AFTER conversion, it is a total failure.

This scripture declares that at all times, under all conditions, Jesus Christ is our righteousness, our sanctification, our advocate and our redemption. So when I sin, when I consider my past or present, and come creeping to my closet with a guilty conscience and an aching heart, I can rejoice in the mercy of my Father; for I have an ADVOCATE, JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS!

—Pastor Henry Mahan



FILTHY OR HOLY

“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” (Revelation 22:11)

Reader, there are only two types of people in the world, you are either one or the other, you are either filthy or holy.

You see, throughout the history of humanity, throughout all the ages of time, there are only two kinds of people to be found; the filthy and the holy. Now, by

nature we are all unjust, we are all filthy; in truth all of us are as an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags in God’s sight (Isaiah 64:6-11). Blessed be God, all of His people, by His grace, have and shall put off that which is filthy, they will be made willing in the day of His power to put on that which is holy, Christ Jesus the Lord! (Psalm 110:3)

Beloved, by His unmerited grace in Christ, we have put off the filthy deeds of the flesh and we have put on that which is holy, the very righteousness of God, the righteousness of Christ himself.

Professing Christian, by God’s enabling Spirit, He will show you who you were without Christ and who you are now in Christ. I pray that in listening to the gospel of His dear Son, our Heavenly Father will teach you, and as you learn of His beloved Son, make you to see your desperate need of Christ, making you willing to flee to the riches of His mercy and grace found only in Him.

Reader, come to Christ to be cleansed from all your filthiness and be made clean by His blood. You see, there are only two types of people in the world, the filthy and the holy. Those who are and ever will be outside of Christ, and those who are and ever shall be in Christ.

By God’s grace beloved, you have put off your unrighteous filthiness and put on the righteousness of Christ, which is the righteousness of God. Amen!

—Pastor Joseph Murphy



THE CURE FOR COVETOUSNESS

Isaiah 56:10: His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. 11: Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

The root problem with false preachers is covetousness, *“Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough,...they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.”* (Is 56:11) Such is the sum of natural men. They can never have enough of the glory that belongs to God, never enough works, never enough converts, never enough money.

But, brethren, Christ is the cure for covetousness. Having Christ we have All, both, for acceptance with God and for full provision in this life. We lack nothing and shall never lack because Christ is our All in all! Therefore, by God’s grace, we are content rather than covetous. We sanctify Christ above all rather than worrying in unbelief about what man shall do to us (which is the cause of covetousness). *“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”* (Heb 13:5-6)