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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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10:15	am.	Bible	Class
11:00 a.m. Service:	Hymns * Scripture Reading *	Message* Hymn.	
Scripture Today:	Ben M	Scripture Thurs:	Scott K
Nursery Sun:	Kris D; Joyce M	Nursery Thurs:	Kimberly T
BDays:	Joshua D—9 th ; Urmilla I—13 th ; Jacob I—16 th ; Jonathan D—21 st ; Ravi I—29 th ;		
November Cleaning: Curtis Family Grass This Week: John K			

ANNOUNCEMENT: MEN, WHEN YOU CUT THE GRASS NOW, BE SURE TO FIRST BLOW THE LEAVES INTO THE GRASS SO YOU CAN MULCH THEM WITH THE MOWER. WE ARE MAINLY MULCHING LEAVES THIS TIME OF YEAR SINCE THE GRASS IS GROWING SLOWER.

This morning Brother Scott Keller and Brother Kevin Thacker will be bringing the messages. I am scheduled to preach for Grace Baptist Church in Lewisville, Arkansas where Brother Darvin Pruitt is pastor.

Next week for our first Sunday lunch together, we will have a Thanksgiving themed meal.



SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 12: 9: *He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.*



A LOVING HUSBAND

It is easy to submit to someone who loves our sacrificially. For a man to insist that his wife submit to his authority without earning her respect by putting her needs before his own, can only cause resentment. The Lord proved His love for His wife by giving Himself for her. He always speaks kindly to her. He is always tender and patient with her. He reminds her constantly how precious she is to Him. She in return, delights in submission to His loving authority. "*Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it*" (Ephesians 5:22-33). *Pastor Greg Elmquist*



"He shall not Fail"

Isaiah 42:4

We trust an undefeated and undefeatable Savior. — "*He shall not fail!*" The Son of God can never be frustrated in his purpose, defeated in his design, or hindered in his

work. Christ was not conquered at Calvary. He conquered. He did not die as the helpless victim of circumstances. He died as the Lord of all things, the one who rules all circumstances. And he will not be defeated in the end. — “*He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied!*” The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ shall never be discovered a miscarriage. The Lion of the tribe of Judah must prevail. The Word of God universally proclaims the infallible efficacy of Christ’s atonement. That which the Son of God accomplished at Calvary was an effectual atonement for all the sins of God’s elect. The gospel of God is the revelation of the glorious, absolute, saving efficacy of Christ’s atonement. All for whom the Son of God suffered the wrath of God shall be made the righteousness of God in him!



GOD'S SOVEREIGN GRACE

I often speak of *God's sovereign grace*. But some people are not familiar with this term, although God's people have used it for centuries. I have been asked “What is *God's sovereign grace?*”

The doctrine of *God's sovereign grace* combines the doctrines of His *sovereignty* and His *grace*.

The doctrine of *God's sovereignty* teaches that God is the Lord of all (Deuteronomy 10:17; 1 Timothy 6:15). God alone does as He pleases, unaided and unhindered by any one or thing (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35). And God never fails (Luke 1:37; 18:27). For there is nothing too hard for God (Jeremiah 32:27, 17, Job 42:2).

The doctrine of *God's grace* teaches that God saves sinners through His unmerited favor to them, totally apart from any work performed by them or any virtue found in them (Ephesians 2:8f; Titus 3:4-6; Romans 9:16).

The doctrine of *God's sovereign grace*, which combines His sovereignty and His grace, teaches that God is sovereign in dispensing His grace to the recipients of His salvation. He may give it and save, or He may withhold it and harden. He declares, “I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion” (Exodus 33:19). “... Therefore He has mercy [or *grace*] on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens” (Romans 9:15-18).

The doctrine of *God's sovereign grace* is denied by those who preach its opposite, the doctrine of *man's “free will” in salvation*. They aver that man's “free will” determines whether or not God's will to save sinners succeeds or is thwarted. They thereby deny God's sovereignty, omnipotence, grace, and His very deity.

If God hardens their hearts – like He hardened Pharaoh's heart (Romans 9:15-18) – they deserve it!

We who know the bondage of our will to sin and Satan, and desire salvation from them, and acknowledge that our own works will not save us, plead for *God's sovereign grace*. Will you? *Missionary Daniel E Parks*

TWO DIFFERENT PORTIONS

Isaiah 57: 6: Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?...12: I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

This is God's word to idolaters in Israel. The majority forsook the Rock of salvation to worship the "*smooth stones of the stream*."

Under the old covenant, God used images and ceremonies to show types and figures of Christ. We no longer use images because Christ has come as the fulfillment of those types and shadows. But even then the believer worshipped God only through faith in Christ (Heb 11: 13). For instance, Jacob built an altar of stones. But the altar typified Christ our Altar through whom the believer must come to God and Jacob came to God through faith in Christ. (Heb 13: 9) But those without the Spirit of God only saw altars of stone, ceremonies and offerings. They imitated the form. But they worshipped the form and the god of their imagination. The same happens today. Suppose two people use the same form of worship: each comes to a building on Sunday, each sings, each appears to pray and each hears a sermon preached. While one truly worships God by the Spirit, the other worships his coming to a church building, his singing and hearing. He imagines his god is pleased with his form of religion. But the true and living God looks on the heart. He says it is idolatry the same as worshipping a stone. Many who justly condemn the use of images, worship the works of their own hands by claiming they give themselves life or bring themselves to Christ or make themselves righteous and/or holy by their obedience to the law. It is the same idolatry as worshipping a stone. God says, "*Should I receive comfort in these...I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.*" God says the idolater's inheritance is the object he worships.

The believer has but one object of worship, Christ Jesus our Sure Foundation (Is 28: 16). He is the Foundation Stone laid by God our Father who elected his Son and his people in his Son in eternity. The Lord Jesus is our "tried stone" tried by God under the law, under temptation, on the cruel cross and found faithful, righteous and holy. He is our "precious corner stone" because by his precious blood he redeemed God's elect from the curse of the law, making us his purchased possession, never to be lost. Christ alone is our acceptance with God, "*Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ*" (1 Cor 3: 11). Like the idolater, God has made the object of our worship to be our inheritance, "*The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot*" (Ps 16:5; Nu 18: 20; Deut 18: 1-2).

The lesson in this passage is that every man's inheritance shall be the object of his worship. The idolater worships self. Therefore, he shall inherit eternal separation from God under the wrath of God with sinners like himself. God's saints worship Christ. Therefore, we shall inherit Christ and eternal life with him. God's people are so one with Christ that Christ is not only our inheritance and we are his. We say, "*The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him*" (Lam 3: 24). While scripture says, "*the LORD's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.*" (Deut 32: 9).

May God make Christ the sole object of our worship now and forever!