

November 11, 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: Kevin T
Nursery	Sun:	Carol D; Kristyn K	Nursery Thurs: Emma C
BDays:		Kevin D-8 <sup>th</sup> ; Rachael D-9 <sup>th</sup> ; Scott K--9 <sup>th</sup> ; Josiah T—11 <sup>th</sup> ; Peter D—20 <sup>th</sup> ; William K—23 <sup>rd</sup> ; Robert K—29 <sup>th</sup> ;	Wedding Anniversaries: Kevin and Kimberly T—11 <sup>th</sup> ; Ravi and Urmilla I—17 <sup>th</sup> ;
Week:	Art D	November Cleaning: Curtis Family	Grass This

### SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

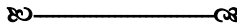
**Proverbs 12: 11: He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.**



### I OUGHT

*Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. (1 Thess. 4:1)*

I ought to love my God and Savior with all my heart, soul and strength. I ought to love my neighbor as much as I love myself. I ought to prefer my brothers and sisters so much over myself, that I would die for them. I ought to pray more. I ought to study the scriptures more. I ought to love my wife, children and grandchildren more. I ought to think on my Savior more and share His Gospel with others more. I ought to complain less and praise more. I ought to bow to all things providential. I ought to forgive more. I ought to walk and to please God so I could abound more and more as a child of the Living God. I ought to do all these things out of love, adoration and for the glory of God in the Lord Jesus Christ who loved me and gave Himself for me. Lord, cause me to do as I ought! *Pastor David Edmenson*



***Four things comfort the child of God in trials and afflictions:***

1. We can trust the God who appoints them. (1 Thessalonians 3:3)
2. We can trust that He knows our frame. (Psalm 103:14)
3. We can trust that good will always be waiting at the end of the trial. (Romans 8:28)
4. We can trust that one day soon He will "...stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." (1 Thessalonians 3:13) *Pastor Gabe Stalnaker*

## FOR CHILDREN OF BELIEVERS

**Proverbs 6: 20: My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: 21: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. 22: When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. 23: For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: 24: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.**

Children of believing parents have great advantage. You have parents saved by God's free grace who have used the means God has provided them to provide the gospel of Christ for you. There are millions of children born into this world who do not have believing parents. Their parents want nothing to do with God and want their children to have nothing to do with God. But God has given you the advantage of having parents who pray for you that God might be pleased to make you to obey his *commandment*, the gospel of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. "*My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.*"

Like all sinners born of Adam, every believing parent was born dead in sin. A believing father and mother knows what it is to be in unbelief. When your father and mother bear witness to you that God is rich in mercy and quickens dead sinners, you have the advantage of hearing the truth from someone you love, from someone you know will tell you the truth, who knows the grace and power of God by experience. "*My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.*"

Believing fathers and mothers once denied our sins and thought we could save ourselves by our works. When your father and mother tell you how Christ fulfilled the law for them, made peace for them with God and reconciled them to God they are telling you, from personal experience, of the great things God has done for them. What great advantage to have parents who can relate to you where you are and speak the truth to you in love by the experience of God's saving grace! "*My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.*"

As children of believers when you behold your parents persevere in faith through the trials they endure, you get to see first-hand how God preserves his children by his grace for the sake of Christ their Righteousness. You have the advantage of seeing first-hand how God uses trials to work in his people greater dependence upon God. When your believing father and mother tell you that all God's promises are in Christ yes and in him amen they are speaking the truth to you that they know from painful and joyful experience. "*My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.*"

Here is something you may have never considered. As believing fathers and mothers we have this *commandment* of God our Father given to us through the preaching of the gospel by God's use of the church, typified here as "*the law of thy mother.*" This *commandment* of our heavenly Father, this *law* delivered to us through preaching, is to believe on God's Son and to love one another as Christ gave us commandment. When a believing father and mother find ourselves burdened over our children and we tell you the one thing needful is to heed this *command*, this *law*, to believe on Christ, never think we are telling you something that we do not deem as the one thing needful for ourselves. As we speak this word to you, we hear our heavenly Father speak to us, "*My son, keep thy Father's commandment and forsake not the law of thy mother.*"

## UPON THINE HEART AND ABOUT THY NECK

**Proverbs 6: 20: My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: 21: Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck. 22: When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. 23: For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life: 24: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.**

When God binds his *commandment*, his *law*—the gospel of Christ—upon the heart of his child, Christ's yoke of faith and love becomes light and easy upon our neck. When in our heart, God make us know that Christ has put away our sins and that our Beloved is our only Righteousness then believing on Christ becomes a delight in our inward man. After the Spirit reveals in our hearts how our heavenly Father loved us and chose us freely without a cause in us and sent his only begotten Son who justified us freely by his grace then by God's gift our once stiff neck slips willingly into Christ's light and easy yoke, believing on him by the constraint of his love.

For the unbelieving child, the reason the command of father and mother is a burden is because sinners despise God's authority and the authority God sets over us: religious, parental and civil. In our natural state we are rebels against authority because our hearts are enmity against God the Authority. Therefore, the life of rebellion is hard. When Christ brought Paul down, Christ said, "*Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*" (Acts 26: 14) But after God binds his word in the heart he has made new, the gospel becomes an ornament about our neck. Children, submit to your father's command next time and see if you do not find rest. So it is with Christ!

When Christ fills our heart and his light yoke of faith and love is about our neck, "*When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.*" (Pr 6:22) When we go, Christ our Shepherd leads his dear children along. When we lay our heads down to sleep, the best lock on the door, the greatest peace in the dark night, is knowing we have forgiveness with God through the precious blood of Christ, saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation. When we awake, the burdens of life are lightened having communion with Christ in our hearts.

For you who having believing parents, know this. Faith in the Lord Jesus and peace with God is what your parents desire more than anything for you. Obey them. Attend the preaching of the gospel eager to hear God's word. Listen, not looking to doubt, but to believe the Lord Jesus. The gospel is a lamp and a light, reproving and instructing us in Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The gospel keeps us from the evil, strange, harlot of Babylon, with her false religion and lies.