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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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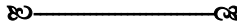
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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

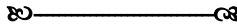
10:15	am.	Bible	Class
11:00	a.m. Service:	Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message*	Hymn.
Scripture Today:	Greg C	Scripture Thurs:	Ben M
Nursery Sun:	Melinda C; Joyce M	Nursery Thurs:	Kimberly T
BDays:	Kevin D-8 <sup>th</sup> ; Rachael D-9 <sup>th</sup> ; Scott K--9 <sup>th</sup> ; Josiah T—11 <sup>th</sup> ; 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> ;
November Cleaning: Curtis Family			
Blow street, sidewalk, ramp, parking lot and mulch leaves: Scott K			

## SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

**Proverbs 12: 13: The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.**



*"A man's gift maketh room for him."* — God's servants do not have to tell others they are God's servants. Their message and God's use of them does that. And God's servants never force themselves into light or into a place. God opens the door before them and puts them into their divinely appointed place. *Pastor Don Fortner*



Imputation is not supposition: God does not impute righteousness and *treat believers as if* we are righteous. God imputes fact of what we have been made by a prior act: *"In that [Christ] died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise, reckon [impute] ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."* (Rom 6: 10-11)



## RULE OF LIFE

*Romans 7:6: But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.*

Notice two things; first *"we are delivered from the law,"* second, not that we may do nature's pleasure, but *"that we should serve in newness of spirit."* Being delivered from bondage, it is our privilege to "serve" in liberty. We read further on in the chapter, *"and the commandment which was ordained to life, I found to be death"* (vs. 10). It evidently did not prove as a rule of life to him.

I was alive without the law once, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died (v. 9). Whoever "I" represents in this chapter was alive until the law came and then he died. So the law could not have been a rule of life to him but just the opposite, even the rule of death. It is true that a sinner cannot be justified by the works of the law and just as true that the law is not the rule of the believer's life. *"For as many as are of*

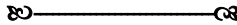
*the works of the law are under the curse"* (Gal. 3-10). The law knows no such thing as a difference between an unregenerated and a regenerated person. It curses all who attempt to stand before it. It rules and curses a man as long as he lives. In Phil. 1:21 the apostle does not say, "*to me to live is the law*" but "*to me to live is Christ.*"

Christ is our rule of life, he bore our sins in his own body on the tree, he was made a curse for us. He drained, on our behalf, the cup of God's righteous wrath. He deprived death of its sting, and the grave of its victory. He gave up his life for us. He went down into death where we lay, in order that he might bring us up in eternal union with himself in life, righteousness, favor and glory before our Father and his Father.

The law could never teach me to love, bless and pray for my enemies but this is exactly what the gospel teaches me to do and what the divine nature leads me to do. We are predestinated to be conformed, not to the image of the law, but to the image of God's son. We are to be like Him.

If a man is walking according to the spirit of the gospel, he will not commit murder or steal. Let a man confine himself to the standard of Moses and he will fall short of the spirit of the gospel.

The believer has found forgiveness and righteousness at the cross of our Lord Jesus. He is not now as an accepted son, sent back to the foot of Mount Sinai, there to be scared and repulsed by the awful curse of the broken law, but he finds all his motives for service at the cross. The believer stands, not in law, but in grace and he waits not for judgment, but for glory. *Pastor Scott Richardson*



### ***"Godliness with contentment is great gain - 1 Tim. 6:6***

***Godliness:*** "An attitude and style of life that acknowledges God's claims on human life and seeks to live accordance with God's will." I think the scripture gives a good definition of godliness when it tells us to "Be followers of God, as dear children" (Eph.5:1). Find out what God says in His word and follow that. Trust in the Son of God as your all and all and follow Him as a sheep would follow the Shepherd. Find out who the Children of God are and be kind and tenderhearted to them. Look upon this poor lost world and pity it, and pray for it and do it good whenever you can, (Matt.5:44). Be a follower of God and follow Him as a "dear child." That is lovingly and truthfully with a sincere heart. Follow Him humbly with full dependence upon Him as a helpless child would cast all his care upon his father to supply his every need. What an excellent attitude for the child of God to have – "godliness". But this is not all; "godliness with ***contentment*** is great gain." "Contentment" (easy in mind; satisfied) with what God is pleased to provide. Content, to believe what he has written. Content to walk in the way he has marked out for me in His word. Content to go, or content to stay, content to do His will. Content with God – what great gain! Content with my wages (Lk.3:14). Content with my situation in life (Phil.4:11). Content with such things as I have (Heb.13:5). Content to have food and clothes (1 Tim.6:8).

You and I are ready to leave this world for that one which is to come. We will not take one thing of this world with us. We will leave it all behind. Are we content to leave all behind now and carry nothing with us to the edge of this life but what God has provided? How rich you are if this is your attitude. *Pastor Bruce Crabtree*

## READY-MADE SHOES

**Ephesians 6: 15: And [having] your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.**

God provides a believer shoes to walk through this life amidst the fire of trials.

First, notice the word “*preparation.*” It means the shoes are already made when Christ puts them on God’s elect through the Holy Spirit. Sinners are not cobblers. We cannot make these shoes ourselves. Suppose a physician were to tell you that he partly had a remedy for your broken foot but you have to set the broken bones yourself. It would not be good news. You would seek another physician who had the ability to make you completely whole, without your help. The good news is that Christ does all the work of making his people whole, apart from our works. Sinner, as long as you are trying to be a cobbler, trying to prepare these shoes yourself, then the true gospel will not be good news to you. Christ has done all to prepare these shoes for the feet of his saints. The apostle Peter called it “*salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*” (1 Pet 1:5)

Then notice the definite article “*the.*” It means there is but one shoe. When we go to the shoe store, we find hundreds of different styles and sizes of shoes. With God, there is one shoe which fits all God’s saints perfectly because it is made especially for God’s elect—“*the gospel of peace.*” In the sinners defiled mind, the true and living God is his enemy. Since we all broke the law in Adam, we are guilty before God. There is no peace between God and his people as we come into this world. But Christ sends his preacher to them that are his with this gospel of peace, “*all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.*” (2 Cor 5: 18) God was in Christ reconciling his elect to himself, not imputing our sins to us, because “*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) Having made peace through the blood of his cross, Christ alone, reconciled all his people to himself. (Col 1: 20-23)

Lastly, it says “*having...our feet shod.*” It means Christ puts these shoes on each of his redeemed. Through this gospel of peace, Christ speaks personally to the sinner by the Holy Spirit, declaring, “*The way of peace [you] know not; and there is no judgment in [your] goings: [you] have made [you] crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.*” (Isa 59:8) Then the poor sinner sees himself a real sinner and all his works vanity. When Christ makes us willing by his power to believe on Christ, Christ shods the believers feet with the gospel of peace declaring to us, “*the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.*” (Is 54: 10; 55: 11-12; 57: 19; Jn 16:33) For the first time, seeing that we are justified by the blood of Christ, “*by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*” (Rom 5: 1) From that day forward, we have this sure promise, Christ “*will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.*” (1 Sa 2: 9) “*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*” (Php 4: 7) “*And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*” (Rom 16: 20)

Oh, believer, thank God for Christ his Son who prepared and puts on our feet the gospel of peace!