

February 24, 2019

## 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

<b>10:15</b>	<b>am.</b>	<b>Bible</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>11:00 a.m. Service:</b>	Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message*	Hymn.	
<b>Scripture Today:</b>	Greg C	<b>Scripture Thurs:</b>	Adam K
<b>Nursery Sun:</b>	Kris D; Debbie D	<b>Nursery Thurs:</b>	Lauren C
<b>BDays:</b>	Kris D—2 <sup>nd</sup> ; Mike L—14 <sup>th</sup> ; Christoff A—23 <sup>rd</sup> ; Kristyn K—25 <sup>th</sup> ; <b>February Cleaning:</b> D'Armiento Family		

We are thankful to have father and son preaching for us this morning as brother Scott Keller and, his son, brother Rob Keller bring the messages. What a rare blessing of God's grace! I am scheduled to preach in a conference at Sovereign Grace Church in New Caney, Tx where brother Joseph Murphy is pastor. Tonight I am scheduled to preach at Lincoln Wood Baptist Church where brother David Pledger is pastor. Pray for us as we endeavor to preach Christ alone!



**Proverbs 12: 26: The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.**



### THE FRUIT OF SIN AND DEATH

*“The eyes of them both were opened, and they knew they were naked and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons” (Gen 3: 7)*

Sin made Adam and Eve become self-righteous religionists, immediately. No one told them to cover their sin. Yet, right away, they went about to cover their nakedness. Due to the fall into sin and death, every sinner is religious by nature. Every sinner tries to cover his sin by his own works—fig leaves! By nature, we commend ourselves and condemn others—fig leaves! We seek acceptance with God by our morality—fig leaves! We use our benevolent deeds in attempt to obligate God unto us—fig leaves!

Also, their heart became enmity against God, *“And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden” (Gen 3: 8)*. No one taught them to do this. Normally, they had commune with the LORD God. Now, they hid from God. This is an example of what the apostle Paul meant when he said, *“the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Rom 8: 7)*.

Furthermore, they hated each other, *“And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat” (Gen 3: 12)*. God shows us in the fall the one reason for the present condition of the whole human race. It is not our environment that makes us sinners. The one reason self-righteousness and enmity exists in every sinner the world over is because in Adam all died.



## GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

As great as our sin is, grace is greater, “*But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound*” (Rom 5: 20). Sin overflowed, abounded, and contaminated us in every way. But the grace of God in Christ did much more overflow: in justification (Col. 1:21-22), in regeneration (Rom. 8:1) and in sanctification (2 Cor. 5:17). The result is, “*That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord*” (Rom 5: 21).



## THE FIGURE OF CHRIST

Adam was a type of Christ. After speaking of Adam, Paul said, “*who is the figure of him that was to come*” (Rom 5: 14). How was Adam a figure of Christ? As Adam was the head of all whom he represented so the Lord Jesus Christ is the head of all whom he represented. When we read “all” in connection with Adam, it means all whom Adam represented. When we read “all” in connection with Christ, it means all whom Christ represented.

We had nothing to do with becoming condemned sinners. Adam did it all. “*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:..Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation.*” (Rom 5: 12, 18).

Likewise, we have nothing to do with being made the righteousness of God. Christ does it all. “*Even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life*” (Rom 5: 18). By the righteousness of one—by Christ's obedience—the free gift of justification of life came upon all who Christ represented.



## NOT CONDEMNABLE, CONDEMNED; NOT SAVABLE, SAVED!

The word of God does not say that Adam's sin put his people in a condemnable state so that we must do something to make ourselves condemned. It says Adam's sin made us condemned sinners. Likewise, Christ's obedience did not put his people in a savable state so that we must do something to make ourselves saved. The word of God says Christ's obedience made us righteous. “*For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified*” (Heb 10: 14).



## WHERE ART THOU?

***“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?” (Gen 3: 9)***

Adam was not seeking God. God is always the one who comes to seek and to save his lost child. He makes us confess our sins like God made Adam confess his transgression.

Sinner, where are you this hour? You have sinned against God. Are you hiding in some fig leaves you have made? God makes his child confess our sins, especially the sins of our so-called righteousness. God strips away all our fig leaves and brings us to rest all in Christ. Through God’s gift of faith, he clothes us in the righteousness of Christ. We see it in type, *“Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them” (Gen 3: 21).*

Notice, Adam sinned, God made a covering; Adam ran, God sought and found him; Adam blamed God and Eve, God brought him to confess his sin; Adam hid, God gave him faith; Adam was naked, God clothed him in the garments of one slain in his place. So it is with us. We did the sinning; God does the saving.



## WE ARE SAVED BY HOPE

***“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for” (Rom. 8:24)?***

Hope is a blessed gift of the Spirit of God. We are saved by hope. But when we see what we have hoped for, hope ceases.

This world is evil in every way: politically, socially, morally and spiritually; there is no hope in this present wicked world there never was and there is not now. There is no hope in our flesh. When sin seems to reign and darkness is all around us, yet, I said, yet, we are not without hope because the Lord Jesus who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, shall one day return and deliver us from this body of death and take us from this valley of the shadow of death.

So no matter what happens in this world, it is not our home. We are just strangers and pilgrims. We don't feel at home here. But what a blessed and glorious hope we have. When Christ shall appear then shall we also appear with him.

Old sinful self I'll leave you behind. Heartaches, fears doubts, troubles, sorrows, sighs, groans, and especially death, I'll leave all of you behind. But until that day HOPE keeps on looking out the window, looking for my Master to come. Even so come Lord Jesus.

*Pastor Don Bell*