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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 |
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| 11:00 a.m. Service: | Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* | Hymn. | |
| Scripture Today: | Ben M | Scripture | Thurs: Scott K |
| Nursery Sun: | Sarah M; Kristyn K | Nursery | Thurs: Kalyn P |
| BDays: | Debra Lyn—6 th ; | Anniversary: | Greg and Martha C—31 st March |
| Cleaning: | De Ritter Family | | |



Next Sunday, March 10, brothers Scott Keller and Kevin Thacker will bring the messages. The conference at Todd's Road Grace Church is scheduled Friday-Sunday, March 8-10. The speakers are pastors Donnie Bell, David Eddmenson, Chris Cunningham, John Chapman, Don Fortner, Clay Curtis, and Joe Terrell.



Proverbs 12: 27: The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.



DO YOU TRUST CHRIST?

2 Corinthians 3:4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward

The Apostle Paul was so confident in Christ that he preached Jesus Christ and him crucified (1 Cor 1:23). He determined not to preach anything but “*Jesus Christ, and him crucified*” (1 Cor 2:2). A faithful servant of Christ will commit the salvation of his hearers to Jesus Christ alone. His trust in Christ is witnessed by his continued and faithful preaching of Jesus Christ only. A man who turns to the Law of Moses for the sinner's sanctification has lost confidence in Christ. A man who turns himself or his hearers to something more than Christ to present him perfect to Holy God does not have trust in Christ. He does not think Christ alone is sufficient to save. Believers who trust Christ are an epistle of Christ's work. “*Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart*” (2 Cor 3:3). Because our hearers reflect what we teach many think we must preach law to keep the flesh in check. But if we are led by the Spirit of Christ then we will trust Christ to instruct his children and save them to the uttermost through his gospel. Do you trust Christ to make you perfect to stand before Holy God? *Pastor Eric Lutter*



The only evidence of grace is faith in Christ. The only basis of assurance is faith in Christ. *Pastor Don Fortner*



When we find ourselves rebuked by the preaching of the gospel of Christ we must remember we are hearing God's word to us personally. His word is "*sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*" (Heb 4:12) "*Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*" (Jer 23: 29)



WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING!

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

1. Without Christ we would not exist. Col.1:16
2. Without Christ we would not know God. Matthew 11:27
3. Without Christ we would have no wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. 1Cor. 1:30
4. Without Christ we would have no Mediator. 1Tim.2:5
5. Without Christ we would have no acceptance. Eph. 1:6
6. Without Christ we would have no hope. 1Timothy 1:1
7. Without Christ we would bring forth no fruit. John 15:5
8. Without Christ we would be lost.

Thank God for Jesus Christ.

Pastor John Chapman



STRIVE TO ENTER IN

The Lord said in *Matthew 11:12*, "*The kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.*" While it is true that salvation is a work of God in which we are passive, men dead in sins do not actively seek the Living God. It is equally true that when God does give a dead sinner life, that one who was dead in sins becomes very active. He "*strives to enter in at the straight gate*" (*Matt. 7:13*). He earnestly "*seeks God with all his heart.*" He is "*importunate*"((insistence) in prayer (*Luke 11:8*). He seeks to "*crucify the flesh*" and "*through the Spirit to mortify the deeds of the body*" (*Rom. 8:12-13*). He is willing to "*endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus*" (*II Tim. 2:10*). The rest that the believer enters is not one of laziness, apathy, or indifference. If our belief in sovereign grace has led us to excuse our sin, justify our disobedience, dampen our enthusiasm, become indifferent to our responsibility, or make our love and zeal grow cold.... we have not understood sovereign grace. While all of our former religious activity does need to be killed, may God deliver us from using *His grace to have a passive attitude that is not taught in Scripture!* *Pastor Todd Nibert*



FREE TO COMMIT MURDER

We believe the word of God which declares that Christ established the law for his people so that every believer called to faith in Christ is not under law but under grace. Therefore, we are accused of being antinomians. One of the common arguments involves picking out one of the ten commandments and saying something absurd like, "So are you free to commit murder?" It is telling that they always speak of breaking the law outwardly but never inwardly. The Pharisees of old thought that way. But our Master said that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause has broken the law (Mt 5: 21-22; Mr 7: 20-21). Men who think outward morality is holiness are men that the Lord likened to whited sepulchers which are beautiful outwardly but within full of dead mens' bones, and all uncleanness (Mt 23:27).

No child of God in whom Christ dwells desires to abuse our liberty by breaking any commandment of God outwardly. In fact, my brethren in Christ encourage me by their honorable conduct. But though the Spirit of God has made us "*put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts*", and has made us "*put on on the new man, which after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness*", still, we know that in our "*flesh dwelleth no good thing.*" (Eph 5: 22-24; Rom 7: 18) The thing we mourn continually is "*O wretched man that I AM.*" By continually crying unto God to deliver us through Christ Jesus our Lord, God keeps us from the mirage of progressive sanctification with its progressive sinlessness (Rom 7: 24).

Of course we are not free to commit murder! But make no mistake, we are free! If we were to commit murder we would be forgiven as was David. It is because our old man is crucified with Christ, our body of sin is destroyed and we are no longer the servants of sin "*for he that is dead is freed [justified] from sin*" (Rom 6: 6-7). We have "*become dead to the law by the body of Christ*" so that we are free from the law of Sinai. Now we are "*married to another, even to Christ who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God*" (Rom 7: 3-4). By the faithfulness of Christ living in us, we have "*become servants unto God*" that we might freely live unto our Father (Rom 6: 22) When our Redeemer returns for his purchased possession and raises our bodies in incorruption, we shall be free from "*the body of this death*" (Eph 1:14; 1 Cor 15: 42). Until then—as our accusers live in the deception that legal fear and torment is freedom—we will live under our Savior's light and easy yoke of "*faith which worketh by love.*" We give God all the glory that "*the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made [us] free from the law of sin and death*" (Rom 8: 2; Jn 8: 32; Gal 5:6).



"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:25-26 The Holy Spirit revealed through a man named Job that God's saints, those who experience the natural process of physical death and decay, those who are buried in a natural body and raised in a spiritual body, those who are sown in weakness and raised in power, will be raised to actually see their glorious Redeemer...the One who has eternally stood for them as their Surety and Savior standing on the earth in the latter day. And according to that revelation, though we see through a glass darkly now...in that day we who know Him shall also see Him with perfect sight...never to be without that sight again! O the glorious and inexpressible consideration of that sight. *Pastor Marvin Stalnaker*