

May 24, 2020

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: Ravi D **Scripture Thurs:** Rob K
May BDays: Greg C—1st; Martha C—4th; Joyce M—8th; Will C—14th; Jeff M—17th; Chloe D—26th; Lenore R—27th
May Anniversaries: John and Kelsie K—19th; Mike and Jamie Lutz—23rd
May Cleaning: R Keller Family **Grass Cutting:** Ravi D

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Until further notice our online live broadcast begins each Sunday at 9am.
No Friday night bible classes until further notice.



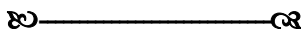
Proverbs 14: 31: He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.



How blessedly God *times* His interventions. He is never too early, and never too late. It is the impatience of unbelief and the fretfulness of self-will which so often makes us think the Lord is tardy. Often God “waits that He may be gracious” (Is 30:18) in order to bring us to the end of ourselves, and that the deliverance may more evidently appear to be from Himself. At other times, He delays His intervention on behalf of His own for the greater chagrin and dismay of their enemies. *A.W. Pink*



Nothing is sweeter or more comforting than the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, is the Lord God omnipotent who rules the universe. *Pastor Don Fortner*



Luke 14: 11: Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.



Two Songs of Comfort

There are two songs that are a source of comfort. One has to do with the providence of God over all things- over me. And the other has to do with the atonement of Christ – what happened on the cross of Calvary. The first one is “ **How Firm A Foundation.**” The last portion of verse four says, “The flame shall not hurt thee – I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.” Think about that dear child of God. How often does a fiery trial threaten to destroy you – at least in your own eyes? The heat seems so intense you begin to think it’s going to melt your poor soul. “Their soul is melted because of trouble,” the Psalmist said (Ps.107:26).

There are troubles which come and go that you and I can cope with without much thought, but there are those troubles that are deep and prolonged and melt our hearts like wax. What if in the mist of such melting we could remember this song and really take it to heart – “This flame shall not hurt thee.” Well, this calms my fear, because that is exactly what I was thinking to myself, “This flame will hurt me, it is hurting me.” But “No” the song says, God has a purpose in putting you in the flame. He has designed it for your good and his glory – “I only design *thy dross* to consume and *thy gold* to refine.”

We have all this dross – this flesh and its schemes and self-will etc. and it keeps the gold of Christ’s grace and power from shining. Putting fire to it is the only way to accomplish a good end. Fire will not consume gold, only the dross. Repeat this in every trial, “This flame shall not hurt thee.”

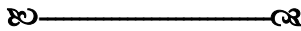
The second song is “ **It Is Well With My Soul.**” The third verse says, “My sin – O the bliss of this glorious thought –My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.” This gives me comfort to believe this because my sins often worry me. They sometime make me afraid. I have these apprehensions of the holiness and justice of God and death and the judgment to come and eternity. I have noticed there are times when these things appear awful to my thoughts – even unbearable, but I have noticed what makes them appear awful, it is the thoughts of my sins mixed with the thoughts of these things. I don’t fear God’s face or fear facing God when I remember the reality of this song; “My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.” If it’s my sins that are making me afraid, then fear not, “I bear them no more.” Jesus has borne them in my stead and has satisfied for them in my stead too. Let this comfort you, dear believer, as it has me. *Pastor Bruce Crabtree*



THINGS PRESENT

I Corinthians 3: 21: Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; 22: Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or THINGS PRESENT, or things to come; all are yours; 23: And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

Believer, all things are ours in and by Christ our Lord. Everything in this world and everything in the world to come is for our eternal good. Notice, “things present” are ours. That is not always easy to see. But if things present are full of tribulation it is to remind us Christ is our Peace. If things present cause great sorrow it is to turn us from all else that our joy might be Christ alone. If things present make us weak it is to remind us Christ is our Strength. If things present chasten us for our sins it is to remind us Christ is our Righteousness. If things present make us feel we do not have a friend in the world it is to remind us that Christ is our friend that sticks closer than a brother. If things present make us behold our utter foolishness it is to remind us Christ is our Wisdom. If things present bring sickness it is to bring us to rejoice that Christ is our Life. All things present are ours to remind us *“All things are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.”*



FAITH

Hebrews 11:6: But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Throughout scripture, faith is distinguished as that which is the direct opposite of works. Yet, in our day, most speak of faith as if it were a work by which we save ourselves. In our day, faith is presented as Christ plus my act of believing which justifies, as if a sinner believes on his own. Folks are sincere under whatever denomination they worship. But I fear that there are many who have by their traditions and doctrines, by their code of morals, and by their particular ceremony of worship turned from the external rules of the Mosaic covenant, embraced another set of external rules under the heading of Christian faith, yet have not moved

an inch from Mt. Sinai and the works of the flesh. True faith is the gift of God. True faith receives justification from Christ its object. True faith does not trust in our profession or our walk or even in our own faith. True faith is pleasing to God because it is wrought in us by God and rests on Christ alone!