

July 19, 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**

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday: 10:15 AM  | Bible Class         |
| 11:00 AM          | Morning Service     |
| Thursday: 7:30 PM | Mid-week<br>Service |

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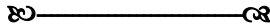
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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

| 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 Today: Sarah M; Joyce M                               |               | Nursery                              | Thurs: Debbie D |
| Anthony L—14 <sup>th</sup> ; July Cleaning: D'Armiento Family |               | Grass Cutting:                       | Ravi D          |

**Proverbs 15: 3: The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.**



### WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE IN ELECTION?

We find God's purpose in choosing some to salvation and passing by others in *Romans 9: 11: (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)*. God chooses whom he will, not based on any good or evil in us. He did so to declare that salvation is not of our works but of God that calleth, "*For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy*" (*Rom 9: 15-16*). By sovereign grace, God chose a multitude in Christ, blessed us with all blessings, thus preparing us for glory before the foundation of the world. He calls us to life and faith in Christ "*that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory.*" (*Ro 9:23*). It makes believers give him all praise and honor for saving us according to his sovereign grace! That is God's purpose. It is that God might receive all the glory!



### PRAY FOR SUBMISSION

I need constantly to remind myself that "*all things are of God.*" Let me not preach SOVEREIGNTY and then complain of my lot in life. Let me not talk of DIVINE PURPOSE and then spend my days murmuring about my trials and troubles. It is totally inconsistent with faith in the sovereign Christ for me to question HIS GOOD PROVIDENCE. Paul called covetousness "idolatry" and said, "*I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content*" (*Phil. 4:11*). Let us pray for submission to His will, for with it comes peace. *Pastor Henry Mahan*

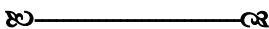


## NOT YET BUT SOON

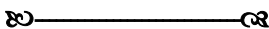
**1 Corinthians 4: 8: Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.**

After hearing Paul preach the gospel that the eternal redemption of all God's elect has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ, some at Corinth thought they had already attained to the blessings which shall be ours when Christ returns to redeem us into final glory. Some even imagined they did not need the apostle Paul preaching the gospel because they had grown beyond. Paul said, "I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you."

Brethren, by Christ's finished work every believer is complete in him. Our life is in Christ at God's right hand. But our old nature is still sin. The flesh is not growing better but must be put off. Like every other aspect of our salvation, this too, is the work of our Redeemer (Php 3:21). But we will not be perfect until Christ returns and conforms us to his image. Now, we see and know in part. Then we shall know as we are known (1 Cor 13: 9-12; 1 Jn 3:2). We have not yet attained. By God's grace, for now, let us look to Christ through the preaching of the gospel and let us spread the gospel far and wide for the glory of Christ, as we look for that day when the last redeemed child of God shall be called and Christ shall return. Then every believer will be full, rich and reign together as we bow at Christ's feet, giving all glory and praise to our King.



William Law, in his "*Serious Call To a Devout and Holy Life*" writes, "Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives most alms, or is most eminent for temperance, chastity, or justice, but he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God willeth, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness, and has a heart always ready to praise God for it."



## THE WORLD'S REGARD TOWARD THE FAITHFUL

**1 Corinthians 4: 9: For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. 10: We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.**

God made the apostles suffer before the world, angels and men. But what a blessing of God's grace to be regarded by this ungodly world as "fools for Christ's sake." Persecution and affliction in our day is light compared to the apostles (vv11-13). But Paul reminds us that God appoints our suffering (1 Thess 3: 3). "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me" (Php 1: 29-30). Christ said, "The servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me they shall persecute you" (Jn 15:20). If we declare God's sovereign, free grace in divine election in Christ then we shall be rejected by the ungodly. If we declare Christ's particular redemption of his sheep then most will despise us. If we preach the necessity of the irresistible, regenerating grace of the Holy Spirit then we will suffer for Christ's sake. But what a blessing to know God sovereignly appointed it and it is only by God's all-sufficient grace that we stand. It is to the praise of Christ's power when the Spirit of God gives us grace to believe and preach the truth of our Redeemer come what may!



### **GRACE**                      **EXPERIENCED**                      –                      *Henry Mahan*

Salvation by grace is a doctrine that is true, a doctrine that must be preached, and a doctrine that should be believed. However, like the doctrine of God's existence, just believing that salvation is of the Lord and by his grace does not save! God's grace must be experienced and received by faith!

I'll never get across a river by simply believing that a certain bridge can take me across or that others have been successful in using the bridge. I must experience the bridge's deliverance and power for myself. Depravity is not merely a doctrine to the redeemed – it is something they actually experience! Likewise, Christ the Savior is not just a doctrine to the redeemed; Christ the Savior is a person whom the redeemed encounter, so that the redeemed can all say, "He is the one who has delivered us!"