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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
11:00 a.m. Service:	Hymns *	Scripture Reading *	Message* Hymn.
Scripture Today:	Rob K	Scripture Thurs:	Adam K
Nursery Today:	Kristyn K; Cheryl D		Nursery Thurs: Debra K
August Cleaning:	Cooper Family		Grass Cutting: Adam K

Proverbs 15: 9: The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.



There Shall Be Showers of Blessing – Ezekiel 34:26

The other day I was feeling so down, so full of sorrow, doubt, fear, worry. . . with my head hanging down. Then I lifted up my head and looked outside . . . the gentle rain was falling, the blessed water of this life was coming down, watering the earth, filling the pools; sweet, refreshing rain . . . while I was mourning and worrying.

Scripture says, *“He (Christ) shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth”* (Ps.72:6). Yes, He came, the blessed Water of life, He heard the cries of His people by reason of their captivity, sins, and sorrow, and *He came down to deliver them out . . . to bring them up out of the land unto a good land”* (Ex.3:7-8).

Scripture says, *“There shall be showers of BLESSING”* . . . singular . . . **Blessing**, the One thing needful . . . the One we need, Christ the Lord. There has been, is now (while we sorrow and worry), and shall forever be, *showers of blessing* . . . gospel promise after promise of His love, mercy, grace, salvation, peace, protection, preservation, provisions and sure hope in Christ.

So, let us lift up our heads and bless the Lord, Who reigns and rules over all, *Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ*. Yes, lift up our heads . . . in spite of all our doubts and fears, His tender mercies are falling and, bless His Name, our *redemption draweth nigh* . . . it’s almost over . . . it’s all over but the shouting!

Pastor Paul Mahan



BE STILL

Some preachers want to arouse man's activity. We want to kill it once and for all, to show him that he is lost and ruined, and that his activities are not able to save him. Some seek to make the man stand up. We seek to bring him down and make him feel that he is in the hands of God and that his business is to submit to God, bow to the claims of Christ, and cry, "*Lord, save me or I perish.*"

We hold that a man is never so near grace as when he feels that he can do nothing at all but cry for mercy. But, when he says, "I can pray, I can believe, I can do this or that," the marks of self-sufficiency are still on his brow.

Pastor Henry Mahan



"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." (Rom 10v1)

Believers pray for their sin to be forgiven. We pray for our loved ones to hear the Gospel of free grace in Christ, and to be drawn to Him. We pray for our brethren in Christ to be comforted. And we pray for God to call out His elect in this generation. But do we pray for our enemies?

Paul was praying for the salvation of his earthly kinsmen in Romans 9v3 & 10v1. Those Jews viewed him as a traitor. One who changed sides during a holy war. They likely referred to him only as Saul, and with a sour tone in their voices- mocking him. They would torture and kill him if they could. But Paul earnestly prayed for them to hear and to know Christ.

Our Master told us to do just that in Matthew 5v44. He said to "pray for them that despitefully use you". Christ not only told us to pray for OUR enemies, but on our behalf, He prayed for HIS enemies – "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." (Luke 23v34). And He died for His sheep while we were ungodly enemies against Him. (Rom 5v6-8)

May we be given the grace to pray for the ones that hate us, despise us, and would kill us if possible. That they too may know their sin and know the One who was made sin for His people, The Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Kevin Thacker



GUILT

There are two sorts of guilt: condemning guilt and correcting guilt. Condemning guilt is simply the knowledge that we have sinned against a holy God and deserve His everlasting wrath because of it. It is the sort of guilt that produces the fear of death and the bondage associated with that fear. But it is written, “There is, therefore, now, no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 5.1). Therefore, condemning guilt has no legitimate place in the mind of those who are in Christ. Whenever the believer is made aware of his sin in such a way that he fears he has been rejected by God and will suffer His wrath because of His sin, he can be certain that the guilt he feels was not sent by God, for God has said, “I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” No, such fear inducing reminders of the believer’s sin come from the Slanderer, that Accuser of the brethren, and his fear-inducing accusation is silenced by the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 12.10, 11)

But correcting guilt is a gift from God. It does not produce fear but grief. It is revealed in such grief as Peter expressed when he looked eyes with the Lord Jesus after his third denial of Christ, as it is written, “[Peter] went out and wept bitterly” (Luke 22.61, 62). It was not the fear of wrath that wrung those tears from his eyes; it was the knowledge that he had sinned against his Lord – that by his denial, he had proved unfaithful to the One he loved - even the One who loved him. When we see our guilt in this way, it serves to correct our behavior for we are moved more by the pain of offending our Lord than we are by the fear of death and judgment.

Grace removes condemning guilt from our conscience so that we may live as free men and women. But correcting guilt is one of God’s gracious means by which He subdues the flesh of His beloved ones.

Pastor Joe Terrell

