

September 20, 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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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15	am.	Bible	Class
11:00	a.m. Service:	Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message*	Hymn.
Scripture Today: Ben M		Scripture Thurs: Scott K	
Nursery Today: Sarah M; Debbie D		Nursery Thurs: Christine K	
September Cleaning: Whoever can help		Grass Cutting: Art D	

**Proverbs 15: 12: A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.**



***“UNTO YOU THEREFORE WHICH BELIEVE HE IS PRECIOUS”***  
**(1 Peter 2:7)**

It is impossible for those who believe in Christ to fully express the *preciousness* of Him to them. (1) He is *precious* to every believer because He is their life. *“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life”* (1 John 5:12). (2) He is *precious* to every believer because He is their clothing. The *best robe* that the Father gives or imputes to every son that He receives is the righteousness of Christ. It is the robe of His spinning by His perfect obedience and sacrifice. (3) He is *precious* to every believer because He is their food. Just as the Israel of old feasted on the Paschal Lamb so God’s spiritual Israel feasts on the Lamb of God. We continually feast upon his flesh and drink His blood; we continually look to His one sacrifice that atones for all the sins of His elect. (4) He is *precious* to every believer for He is our hiding place. In the storms of life we say with the psalmist: *“yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be over past”* (Psalm 57:2).  
*David* *Pledger*



## FOUND IN HIM – PHILIPPIANS 3

Here are the words of a man who called himself the chief of sinners. This was not a false claim - he truly felt it and desired to be found in Christ. He had found life in Christ, both spiritual and eternal. He had found righteousness in Christ and counted his own as “dung”.

Speaking for myself, I want to be found in Christ. I want to be found in Him while I live - for Him to be my life, and when I die... Oh! To be found in Him - to depart and be with Christ. What a blessed desire! To be found in Him at the judgment! To hear the infinite, thrice Holy God say, “Enter into the joy of the

Lord forever - welcome my beloved - welcome my son, my child. Oh! To be found in Him! Are you in Christ? Do you desire to be found in Him?  
*Donnie* *Bell*



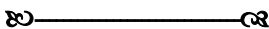
## **GOD'S MARVELOUS WORD**

Our faith rests entirely upon the Word of God. If it could ever be proven that the Bible is not the inspired, inerrant Word of God, then the gospel of Christ would be proven false. But the infidel, though he may scoff, cannot ever produce such proof. The fact that the Bible stands today shatters every argument of those skeptics who deny that the Bible is the Word of God. The best proof that the Bible is the inspired Word of God is the inspired Word of God.

This blessed Book is the greatest standing miracle in the world today. Just think of this – there was never an order given to any man to plan the writing of this Volume. Nor was there any concerted effort on the part of men to write it. Under the sovereign direction of the Holy Spirit, the Bible gradually developed over a period of 1600 years. Little by little, part by part, century by century, it came out in parts and fragments, written on two continents, in countries hundreds of miles apart. It was written in three languages, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. And it was written by scores of men, from every possible background variation. Yet, it stands as one unified Volume.

This is a Book with one message. It contains one system of doctrine, one plan of salvation, one principle of conduct, and one rule of faith. The one message of the Bible is that of redemption by the shed blood of Christ. Substitution is stamped upon every page. Everything in the Bible points to Jesus Christ and his substitutionary work.

There are historical statements in the Bible that could not have been known except by revelation - The Account of Creation – The Decrees of God – The Covenant of Grace. And there are doctrines taught in the Bible which no human mind ever devised – The Character of the Triune God – The Incarnation of Christ – Substitutionary Atonement. Add to this the perfect accuracy of the prophecies of the Bible and their evident fulfillment. And I say there can be but one rational explanation for the existence of this Divine Book – *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”* (2 Timothy 3:16). *“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”* (2 Peter 1:21). Without question, this is the Word of God. *Don Fortner*



***For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 1Timothy 2:5***

I must approach unto God by Christ Jesus because I am unholy, God must approach unto me by Christ Jesus because HE IS HOLY. In Christ Jesus, I, a poor sinner, and God, a Holy Heavenly Father, have an honest and sincere communion one with another. His holiness is not violated and my sin is not imputed but all is washed away. Oh, sweet fellowship! O, holy union! Oh, easy walk! Oh, joyous friendship! Oh happy me! (1John1;7). *Bruce Crabtree*



## **SHARON AND THE VALLEY OF ACHOR**

**“And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me” (Is 65: 9-10).**

Christ is the Seed that came out of Jacob and Judah, the Inheritor of God’s mountains. His elect are joint heirs with Christ.

*“Sharon shall be a fold of flocks.”* Sharon was a fruitful plain where the shepherds raised their flocks. Christ sent Peter with the gospel to Sharon. By the Holy Spirit “all that dwelt at Sharon turned to the Lord.” (Acts 9: 35) Wherever our great Shepherd folds his flocks together under the preaching of the gospel it is Sharon. In the end all God’s people shall be folded together in heavenly Sharon.

*“The valley of Achor is a place for the herds to lie down in.”* This is the door of hope found in Hos 2:15. Every believer has eternal rest in Christ our “door of hope.” He is the place where all the sheep lie down and rest from all our works. This valley was the first ground the children of Israel stepped foot on when they crossed Jordan into Canaan. Brethren, our rest in Christ now is a foretaste of our heavenly inheritance in the future. By the same power by which Christ regenerated us to life we shall enter our eternal rest with Christ.

God says this shall be *“for my people that have sought me.”* Are you one God has graciously made to seek him? If so God gives this assurance, *“Mine elect shall inherit it”; “my servants shall dwell there”;* this is *“for my people who have sought me.”*