

November 8, 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.

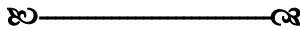
**Scripture Today:** Ravi D **Scripture Thurs:** Greg C

**Nursery Today:** Kalyn P; Debra K **Nursery Thurs:** Cheryl D

**Bdays:** Rachael D-9<sup>th</sup>; Scott K--9<sup>th</sup>; Peter D—20<sup>th</sup>; William K—23<sup>rd</sup>; Robert K. 29<sup>th</sup>

**Nov Cleaning:** J Keller Family **Mulch Leaves/Cut Grass:** Ravi D

**Proverbs 15: 19: The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.**



“Sanctification is nothing less than for a man to be brought to an entire resignation of his will to the will of God, and to live in the offering up of his soul continually in the flames of love, as a whole burnt offering to Christ.” *James Usher (1581-1656)*



My grace and safety lie in this,  
My Creditor my Surety is.  
The judgment-day I dread the less;  
My Judge is made my Righteousness.



“I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me” (Ps 57:2)

“God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:..Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.” (2 Cor 9:8-11)



How sweet it is to awake every day knowing that God my Savior is on his throne, that he has purposed all that the day shall bring forth, and that he has purposed it for me, for my everlasting good. *Don Fortner*

## FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

**“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity” (1 Cor. 13:13).**

What great blessings the Lord has freely and eternally given unto His church (Rom. 8:32). Indeed, Christ has blessed us with all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3). The apostle Paul makes mention of these three great and spiritual blessings that abide in every believer; **faith, hope and love**. But the greatest of these is love. Why would Paul say that? Because it is true!

Every believer lives by faith (Rom. 1:17), walks by faith (2 Cor. 5:7) and will die in faith (Heb. 13:5), always looking and trusting Christ (Heb. 12:2). But one day faith will end in perfect and complete sight, when we behold the Lord Jesus Christ face to face (1 John 3:2).

Likewise, every believer lives with a fervent hope, a living hope and a blessed hope (Titus 2:13); because it is a good hope through grace (2 Thes. 2:16). Hope springs from faith in Christ (Heb. 11:1), for He is our hope (Col. 1:27; 1 Tim. 1:1). But the good hope we have in Christ, that too will one day come to an end in the certain expectation of the reality of that hope being predestinated to be just like the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29-30).

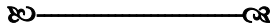
But the greatest of these gifts is love; the love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5) will never end. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Rom. 8:38). Our love for the Lord Jesus Christ had a beginning but it will never have an end. We only love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). When did the Lord start loving His own? From eternity in the covenant of grace (Jer. 31:3)! The Lord’s love for His church is a sacrificial love (Eph. 5:25; 1 John 4:10). He laid down His life for His church (John 13:1). Oh how precious is that love for us. May God grant us to be always thankful for this gift of His love unto us and may He cause it to grow in such a way as to glorify Him now and forever. One day soon every believer will sing forever; *“Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen* (Rev. 1:5-6)!

*Tom Harding*

## BELIEVERS WILL CONTINUE

***“When he would have inherited the blessing, HE WAS REJECTED; for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears” (Heb 12:17).***

The birthright was a SPIRITUAL POSITION; God's man in the family. It carried divine favor, spiritual blessing, and fellowship with God. Esau counted it with contempt in order to satisfy his fleshly appetite and desire. Shall we be so foolish as to consider that anything the world has to offer is worth the fellowship of our Lord? Those who are so foolish as to allow anything in this life to cause them to deny the faith or to renounce their responsibilities to God and His people or to allow this flesh to draw them away from His fellowship will, like Esau, someday weep with bitter tears, when it is beyond their power to recover what is lost! We are warned to guard against fleshly appetite, apostasy, covetousness, and the neglect of SPIRITUAL PRIVILEGES. We have entered a race; the prize goes to THOSE WHO FINISH (Heb. 10:35-39). There will be hard times, heavy trials, and along the way there will be tempting pastures of pleasure which appeal to the lust of the eye, the pride of life, and the love of fame and fortune. But we must turn away and go on. We may proceed slowly or rapidly; we may stumble and fall; but looking to Christ, we will continue in Him. Neither the frowns of the world nor its smiles will cause us to surrender our inheritance.



## WHY CHRIST PATIENTLY WAITED

**Psalm 40: 1: I waited patiently for the LORD....6: Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. 7: Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, 8: I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.**

Due to our sin we never wait without sinful discontent over God's timing. But *“patiently waiting”* upon God his Father was the very character of our Lord Jesus. On the cross Christ *“patiently waited”* in faith, hope, and confidence that the Father would deliver him once Christ had declared God just and Justifier of his people. How amazing that the all-powerful Son of heaven loved his Father and his brethren so much that he willingly put himself in that place, *“by the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* (Heb 10:10). Brethren let us ask for more grace to *“patiently wait”* upon the LORD, believing and confessing from a pure heart, *“My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.”* His time is the right time.