

December 21, 2014

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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11:00 a.m. Service

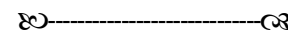
Opening Hymns

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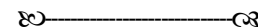
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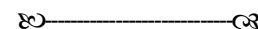
Nursery Today: Cheryl D. **Nursery Thurs:** No service **B'Days:** Cheryl D--3rd;
Debbie D--17th; Anthony D--26th;



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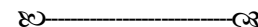
So that everyone can enjoy time with their families no mid-week services are scheduled for Thursday, December 25th. Our regular mid-week services are scheduled for New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 7:30pm.



CHILD BORN, SON GIVEN

Isaiah 9: 6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...

Christ is Man, the "child born"; Christ is God, the "Son given." Man cannot obtain eternal redemption; God cannot die; but the GodMan did both—"by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*." (Heb 9: 12)



Hebrews 10: 5: Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7: Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

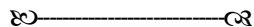
BORN KING

Matthew 2: 2: Where is he that is born King of the Jews?

Christ Jesus was born King. No sinner makes him Lord. He was born King of the Jews, whom he redeemed out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation. (Rom 2: 28-29; 9: 6-8; Php 3: 3; Rev 5: 9; Is 9: 6-7) The government of his kingdom rested upon his shoulder from eternity. (Is 42: 1) He established his kingdom, every member in particular, with equity and justice by magnifying and making honorable the law of God for his people. (Is 42: 21; Rom 3: 26; Eph 2: 19; Gal 3: 13)

Now, from his throne of grace, our King orders his kingdom with the same judgment and justice through the preaching of the gospel, ruling in the midst of his people, as well as over his enemies. (Ps 110: 1-4; Pro 21: 1; Is 11: 4-5; 32: 1-2; Mt 28: 18; Rev 19: 11) When he has made the last of his servants bow in faith he shall return, gathering all his people in heaven and in earth together in him. (Eph 1: 10) In the great day of judgment every knee shall bow, confessing him Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Php 2: 10-11; Heb 10: 13) There shall be no end of his government. (Dan 7: 27; Ps 145: 13; Mt 6: 13)

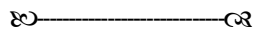
Believer, what does this mean for us? “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.” (Heb 12: 28)



THREE PEOPLE

Matthew 2: 1: Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2: Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3: When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

In these three verses we have the only three persons that exist. First, there is Christ the King. He is King of kings and Lord of lords before whom every knee shall bow. Next, there are would-be-kings. When would-be - kings hear that Christ is King, they are troubled. Then, there are wise men. They are wise because they come to Christ “to worship him.” Are you a wise man or a would-be king? (Ps 2: 1-10)



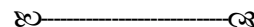
THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN

Isaiah 7: 14: Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

When Christ walked this earth, Pharisee’s came to him saying, “Master, we would see a sign from thee.” (Mt 12: 38) But Christ would not give them their request. Why? Years before, through the prophet Isaiah, the LORD told king Ahaz to ask for a sign. Under pretense of piety, Ahaz refused. Isaiah declared, “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign.”

When the virgin conceived, it was the Lord himself giving you a sign that he is the Seed of woman which was promised in the garden. (Gen 3: 15; Jer 31: 22; Mt 1: 18-20) His being conceived of the Holy Ghost, rather than of the corrupt seed of man, was the Lord himself giving you a sign that he is the only holy Man ever born; thus he was fit to lay down his life in place of his sinful brethren. (Lu 1: 35; Heb 2: 14) By commanding his name be called Immanuel, it was the Lord himself giving you a sign that he is God with us, providing himself a Lamb. (Gen 22: 8; 2 Cor 5: 19) When he ascended, after three days and three nights in the heart of the earth, it was the Lord himself giving you a sign that he is both, just and the Justifier of him which believes in Jesus. (Mt 12: 39-40; Rom 3: 26)

The Lord gave the Pharisee’s no other sign, because Christ is himself the sign. Ahaz’s refusal of the Sign, as well as the Pharisee’s request for another, were rejections of Christ himself. Left to ourselves, every sinner will do the same. Then how shall each of God’s elect be brought to believe? “The Lord himself shall give you a Sign.”



Isaiah 7: 14: Behold, a virgin...shall call his name Immanuel.

How and when did the virgin call Jesus, Immanuel? God chose her by grace, “thou hast found favour with God” (Lu 1: 30); the Holy Spirit revealed Christ in her, “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Lu 1:32-33); thus God made her magnify and call his name Immanuel, “And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.” (Lu 1:46-47)