

February 8, 2015

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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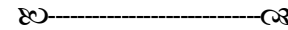
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10:15 a.m. Bible Class
11:00 a.m. Service: Opening Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message * Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Carol D. **Nursery Thurs:** Cheryl D. **B'Days:** Kris D--2nd



We have a nursery equipped with a digital flat screen television broadcasting all services live, for children 4 and under.

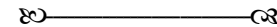


OVERCOMING THE WORLD

While browsing through a manila folder full of sermon notes taken over the years, I came across the following points on 'overcoming the world.' I do not know who said these things but they are good. He said:
"Overcoming the world is:

1. To have no interest in the wisdom or philosophy of this world.
2. To have no interest in the approval or recognition of this world.
3. To have no anxious care about the materialism and prosperity of this world.
4. To have no interest in the glory or fame of this world.
5. To be conscious of the fact, that, every relationship in this world will end.
6. To have no interest in, but only disdain for the religions of this world.

To believe God's Word only and to believe Christ only in spite of all in the world: "This is the victory that overcometh world, even our FAITH" – I John 5:4. –Paul Mahan, pastor of Central Grace Church, Rocky Mount, VA



TRUE SAVING FAITH

The faith of the natural man, the unregenerate man, is reasonable and logical, and often very influential (Matt. 7:21-23); but the faith of a Christian is a gift of God, a miracle, and always produces a radical change in those who possess it.

A man cannot possibly possess saving faith, whose thinking and attitude has not been radically changed concerning God and righteousness, man and sin, and Christ and grace (II Cor. 5:14-17). The difference between the two kinds of faith, natural and spiritual, biblical and spurious, is the difference

between shadows and substance, words and reality. Natural faith believes, but saving faith knows. Natural faith merely acknowledges what saving faith experiences. As J.C. Philpot once said, “The religious professor receives doctrines because he sees them in the Bible. The believer not only sees them in the Book, but he feels them in his heart, put there by the Holy Spirit.” So you see, the difference is great. The difference is the difference between a professor of Christ and a possessor of Christ, one who believes in the Son and one who “hath the Son.”

The world is filled with religionists who “believe in Jesus” and live as if He were dead; (Their Jesus is dead, a mere figment of their imagination) but the child of God has fellowship with the resurrected, living Lord Jesus who sits upon His sovereign throne of glory and grace. *Maurice Montgomery, pastor-emeritus Bible Baptist Church, Madisonville, KY*



A VALUABLE PETITION

Ephesians 1: 15: Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16: Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

As we concentrate on verse 17, we see what a valuable petition Paul makes for his brethren.

THE GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST—Paul calls God the “God of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Christ is God. He never ceased being God. But while serving as our Mediator, God is the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. When Christ arose from the dead our Savior sent word, saying, “Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.” (Jn 20: 17) The great blessing in this for believers is that God, being satisfied in Christ, has given to Christ all covenant blessings which he promised. Therefore, all blessings that are Christ’s belong to all for whom Christ died by the everlasting covenant union and redemption we have in Christ. (Gal 3: 22; Rom 8: 17)

THE FATHER OF GLORY—Paul calls God “the Father of glory.” This title is connected with Paul’s petition for “revelation in the knowledge of him.” The life of faith begins when the Father of glory shines light into our hearts. (2 Cor 4: 6) This light is “the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus.” What a transforming effect this glory of the Father has

within us! By beholding his glory we are changed, or recreated, into his image by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Cor 3: 18) If the glory of the Father does that through the dim eye of faith, imagine the transformation when we behold the Father of glory face-to-face in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor 13:12) Then the glory of the Father shall make us completely like Christ. (1 Jn 3: 2) And it is certain we shall behold his glory because Christ intercedes for us, “Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.” (Jn 17: 24)

MAY GIVE UNTO YOU—Paul asks that God may “give” to his people. Everything the child of God has, we are given freely from God. (1 Cor 4: 7) Until we are given light to know our utter darkness, we are too proud to ask God to “give” us anything. But once we know we are noting and can produce nothing then we are not ashamed to be a beggar before God, then we rejoice that salvation is all of God’s free and sovereign grace. Someone said that God is more delighted to give us grace than we are to ask. That may be true. But God has truly given us a great blessing to make us even willing to ask.

THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION—The gospel is known only by divine revelation. In our natural state, the Bible was a sealed book to us. It was like trying to read in the dark. We have the spirit of wisdom and revelation when the Holy Spirit enters within us. Then the word becomes alive. Notice that it is not wisdom and revelation alone for which Paul asks but “the spirit” of wisdom and revelation. The Holy Spirit abiding within, sealing us, giving us unction is the difference between head knowledge and heart knowledge, between knowing doctrine and knowing Christ himself.

IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM—The wisdom and revelation we are given is God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 2: 9-12; Jer 9: 24; Jn 17: 3) The righteousness of God is Christ Jesus. (Rom 10: 3-4) We we are given this understanding then we believe that Christ is grace, life, justification, sanctification, redemption, even all things that pertain to life and godliness. Likewise, all growth in grace is given us according to the measure of the gift of the Spirit in the knowledge of Christ. (2 Pet 3: 18; Eph 4: 7)

What a petition! For the good of our brethren let us not cease to ask “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him”, that God might make us know more and more that “Christ *is* all, and in all.” (Col 3: 11)