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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 a.m. Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Kris D. **Nursery Thurs:** Debra C. **BDay's:** Anthony L—
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Our annual summer meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 30 through Sat, August 1. Our speaker is Don Fortner, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Danville, KY. Thursday and Friday services begin at 7:30pm with Saturday morning service at 10:15am. We will have ice cream after service Friday night and a meal after service Saturday. We will have our regular services the Sunday following. Save the date and invite someone to come hear Christ preached.



Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.—
Unknown



Such honor does the Lord of heaven and earth put upon the ministry of the Word that, as one of the old Puritans said, “God had only one Son, and he made a preacher of him.” (Taken from a sermon by CH Spurgeon on Isaiah 61: 1)



1 Corinthians 1: 17: For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.



Let us get our texts, our messages, our words from God. It is not great talent, great oratory, or great programs that God blesses, but HIS WORD. A word spoken by you in the power of the Lord; a word from HIS WORD is worth ten thousand words spoken in the energy of the flesh and the wisdom of the flesh. O, for a message from God in these days!

Pastor Henry Mahan



THE PLACE AND IMPORTANCE OF GOSPL PREACHING BY PASTOR DON FORTNER

1 Corinthians 1:21: For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Gospel preaching is so important that without it you simply cannot be saved.

We rejoice in the blessed Gospel doctrine of God's electing love. But election alone never saved anyone. Election is not salvation. Election is unto salvation. It is not enough that we should be chosen to salvation. Before God almighty, in his holiness, justice and truth, could save chosen sinners, those who were chosen by him must also be redeemed. Election is the work of God the Father. Redemption is the work of God the Son.

How we rejoice in and give thanks to God for our redemption by Christ! Precious blood indeed is that blood which put away our sins! Every God taught sinner has learned to give thanks to God for that glorious Gospel doctrine of limited atonement, particular, effectual redemption by Christ. Yet, even our redemption by Christ, though it guaranteed and infallibly secured the salvation of God's elect, is not salvation. Salvation involves the work of the Father and the Son; but it also involves the work of God the Holy Spirit in regeneration and effectual calling. The effectual call of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit's work of almighty, irresistible grace, by which he draws all chosen, redeemed sinners to Christ, creating faith in them, granting them repentance, and converting them by omnipotent grace.

The work of the Holy Spirit in effectual calling must be understood in two aspects: (1.) The outward, external call of grace, which comes to sinners by the preaching of the Gospel; and (2.) The internal call, which is the effectual operation of the Holy Spirit, by which sinners are effectually converted. It is the external call which comes to sinners by the preaching of the Gospel of which our Savior speaks when he says, "*Many are called, but few are chosen*" (Matthew 22:14). The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, declares that many, (not all but many), are called to repentance and faith in

him by the preaching of the Gospel, and that few of the many who are called are numbered among the chosen. This is the doctrine of Holy Scripture.

1. God calls sinners to life and faith in Christ by the preaching of the Gospel.
2. The Gospel call is universal in its scope. That is to say, we preach the Gospel to all without exception as the Lord enables us. Many are providentially excluded by God from the external call of the Gospel; but none are excluded by his servants.
3. This call of sinners to repentance and faith in Christ is an unconditional, unqualified call.
4. This call of the Gospel is given by Divine authority.
5. The call issued to sinners in the preaching of the Gospel is a sincere call.
6. This Gospel call is a most gracious call.
7. Though it is, in itself, ineffectual for the saving of any, when accompanied by the power of God's Spirit, the preaching of the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

This is the importance of Gospel preaching. It is by this means that God calls sinners to salvation and eternal life in Christ. If I were you, I would find me a Gospel preaching church, sit down, and listen to the preaching of the Gospel, earnestly praying that God might be pleased in his sovereign mercy to call me by his grace. I would hear the Gospel every time I could. I'd go to the house of God, praying like Fanny Crosby...

“Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry.
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by!”



God chose to save his people through preaching that he might be glorified in the glorification of Christ, our Prophet, Priest and King. Christ says, “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD HATH ANOINTED ME TO PREACH GOOD TIDINGS unto the meek; HE HATH SENT ME to bind up the brokenhearted, TO PROCLAIM liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison *to them* that are bound; TO PROCLAIM the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, THAT HE MIGHT BE GLORIFIED.” (Is 61: 1-3)