

June 11, 2017

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: Opening Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Melinda C; Debra K **Nursery Thurs:** Debbie D
BDays: Carol D.—7th; Art D.—7th, Michelle L.—7th; Laxman I—23rd; AJ D—26th; **Wedding Anniversary:** Laxman and Davika I—30th; Kevin and Kris D—5th; Adam and Debra Lyn K.—8th **June Cleaning:** Doodnath Family

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Sunday Brother Eric and Brother Scott will be bringing the messages. I am scheduled to preach next Sunday morning in the conference at Lantana Grace Church in Crossville, TN and Sunday evening for Kingsport Grace Church in Kingsport, TN. Pray for us that God would exercise his power through these earthen vessels.



SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 7: 6: For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, 7: And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, 8: Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, 9: In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: 10: And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. 11: (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: 12: Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) 13: So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, 14: I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. 15: Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. 16: I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. 17: I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18: Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. 19: For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: 20: He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed. 21: With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. 22: He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; 23: Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. 24: Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. 25: Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. 26: For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. 27: Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.



BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

By Don Fortner

This gospel ordinance was established by our Lord as a clear line of separation between his church and the world. By our immersion in the watery grave, believers confess their faith in Christ's substitutionary sacrifice (his death, burial, and resurrection in our place) as our only basis of hope before God. Rising out of the watery tomb, we confess our hope of the resurrection and our consecration to Christ, our resolve to walk with him in the newness of life. Thus confessing Christ as our Lord, we declare that all our former religion and religious works were but the uncleanness of idolatry, identifying ourselves with Christ, his people, and his gospel.



DOCTRINE IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

“If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself” (Jn 7:17)

Christ made this statement to Pharisees. They thought that discernment came by their learning so that they would be able to judge whether the doctrine was of God or not. If they deemed the doctrine true then they would obey God's will of believing on Christ, taking his yoke upon them and learning of him. But if in their judgment the doctrine was not true then they would reject him.

Christ declares that this is backwards. It is not by the sinner's study of doctrine that we come to have discernment and believe on Christ. God first shines in our hearts, giving us the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Christ Jesus, by which we are made to do God's will of believing on his Son. Then in the light of Christ, with Christ as our teacher, we shall know the doctrine, that it is of God and that everything Christ teaches us is of God.



The Window -- “A window shalt thou make to the ark . . .” -- Genesis 6:16

The ark which Noah built had one window; one source of light; one way to view the world outside. The Word of God is the window. “The entrance of Thy words giveth **light**” (Psa.119:130). “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, a **light** unto my path” (119:105) The world is in darkness, dimness and anguish of spirit because they do not read, hear, regard, nor understand God's Word. But God's children; children of light, walk in the light of His Word. And that Word shows us **Christ the light**.

Christ is that window. “*I am the light of the world.*” Only in light of Christ do we see Who God is, what man is, and the Truth of salvation in Christ, like in that ark. If Noah and family looked out that one window, all they saw was a perishing world. In light of God's Word we see the world as perishing. From the words of Christ Himself we see this world as perishing and our whole life is *in Him, by Him, because of Him*. Keep close to the window and you will not be in darkness as others. *Pastor Paul Mahan*

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6

You may have read the Bible from childhood, and may know it almost by heart from end to end. You may be able to read the Hebrew text, and understand the Greek original. You may study commentator after commentator. And yet all your reading, and all your searching after the meaning of the Scripture, if continued until your eyes are worn out with fatigue, will never give you that spiritual and saving knowledge of the Person and work, grace and glory of the Lord Jesus which one five minutes of His manifested presence will discover to your soul. The light of His countenance, the shining in of His glory, and the shedding abroad of His love, will teach you more, in a few minutes sweet communion, who and what He is as the King in His beauty, than without this manifestation you could learn in a century.

JC Philpot



GROWING THE WAY WE BEGAN

The believer's spiritual knowledge is only in part. Therefore, our greatest need is to *"grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus."* (2 Pet 3:18).

God begins this work by giving us faith in Christ through *"the word of the truth of the gospel."* (Col 1: 5) Through the preaching of Christ crucified, God begins filling us *"with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."* (Col 1: 9) One of the first things he makes us know is that it is his will to grow us in grace and knowledge of Christ through the same means of gospel preaching by which he began this work in us. God makes us *"walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing"* by first making us submit to this means of gospel preaching which *"pleases God."* (Col 1: 10; 1 Cor 1: 21) God, who through this means makes his child fruitful to submit to his will, through this means continues to make his child *"fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness."* (Col 1: 10-11)

Knowing this to be the means and message God uses, for the sake of Christ's body, the church, Paul suffered much affliction in his own body as he continued preaching only Christ. He said, *"WHOM WE PREACH, warning every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightly."* (Col 2: 24-29)

Brethren, let us cease not to pray for one another that God would continue this work in us by making us assemble together under the gospel of Christ that we might *"walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness."*