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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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15 am. Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Service: Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* Hymn.

Scripture Today: Kevin DeRitter **Scripture Thurs:** Art D'Armiento

Nursery Sun: Sarah K; Carol D. **Nursery Thurs:** Debra K

BDays: Kevin D-8th; Rachael D-9th; Scott K-9th; Josiah T-11th; Peter D-20th; William K-23rd; Robert K-29th; **Wedding Anniversaries:** Kevin and Kimberly T. 11th; Ravi and Urmilla I. 17th;

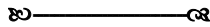
SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 10: 12: Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.



Numerous churches would describe themselves as "**Christ centered**", and many preachers would describe their preaching as "**Christ centered preaching**". While on the surface this may seem like a good thing, in reality it is not. The statement implies that Christ is the focus, and everything else takes a backseat to Christ. But that is not right! Christ is not the main attraction. He is the *only* attraction! He is not what is most important. He is all! All else is nothing! Christ is not a centerpiece. He is all!

Pastor Todd Nibert



Proverb 21:24: A proud and haughty man – “Scoffer” is his name; He acts with arrogant pride.

1. “A proud and haughty man” is one whose opinion of himself is too high, and whose opinion of God and His Christ is too low.
2. “He acts with arrogant pride.” It is bad enough that he is proud and haughty in his *heart*. But he must be so also in his *actions*. He is, before God and in the presence of others, arrogant, self-willed, presumptuous, argumentative, blasphemous, wrathful.
3. “‘Scoffer’ is his name” – for so God has named him. He who scorns and scoffs against God will be scorned and scoffed by God. Repeatedly we find this truth declared. Indeed, it is probably only against such persons that we read of God laughing: “He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision” (Psalm 2:4);
-- “The Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming” (Psalm 37:13);
-- “I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you” (Proverbs 1:26f).
-- Now is the time for such a person to cease raging against Jehovah and His Christ, and plotting vain things against them, and to obey the gospel call to “Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him” (Psalm 2). *Missionary Daniel Parks*



WHERE TO WE HAVE ALREADY ATTAINED

Philippians 3: 16: Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

From the time our children were little until now when we gather at the dinner table there is always something everyone can eat. When our children were babies they could not eat the food that their mother and I could eat because they were unable to chew it. Yet, when we came to the table there was food provided suitable for the age of every member of our family. As our first child grew she was able to eat foods that her baby brother was unable to eat while there was food her mother and I enjoyed which she was still unable to eat. Yet, there was food provided suitable for the age of every member of our family.

It is the same way when the family of God assembles to partake of the gospel feast. As the gospel is preached, God fills the table with something for every member of his family. Those who are newborn babies in faith cannot eat the same food as those more matured in faith because they are unable to receive it. Yet, in every word preached God provides food suitable for the faith of every member at the table. As God grows one child he is able to receive doctrine that another younger in faith cannot yet receive while he himself cannot yet take in things that his more mature brethren are made to rejoice in. Yet, in every word preached God provides food suitable for the faith of every member of his family.

Now, think how unreasonable it would have been for one of my children to refuse to come to the table because they were too young to eat the food of those older than they or because there was food provided for the younger at the table. Sometimes when a believer becomes critical of the message preached and/or critical of their brethren this is the problem.

Like the apostle Paul, no believer has fully attained to a perfect knowledge of Christ. But we press toward the mark, Christ, for the prize of eternal glory with Christ. As we do, we expect God shall grow us, as well as our brethren, in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. If God has truly matured one in faith then he has already attained to the knowledge that only God can grow his child. So then rather than separating from a brother younger in faith who does not yet have the same mind as he in some area of scripture, his assurance concerning that brother will be that "*God shall reveal even this to you.*" Never will he think he has outgrown any doctrine which glorifies Christ which is needful to grow God's babes. Likewise, when he hears preaching that he himself may not yet understand, rather than reject God's messenger and refuse to come to the table with God's family, his assurance concerning his own self will be the same, "*God shall reveal even this to you.*"

Therefore, whatever measure of grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus that God has made us already attain unto, let us continue in the same measure with our mind set on that whereunto we have already attained. As every believer at God's table does this then every brother and sister shall continue together with one mind because no matter whereunto we have already attained our mind is set on one and the same thing, Christ Jesus our Lord.



FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST

Ephesians 4:32: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

God looks on the heart. Therefore, a good deed can be a bad if the motive is bad. Likewise, a deed which does not appear good to this world can be a good before God if the motive is good. For instance, Rahab lied. God commends that as a good deed because God knows she did it for the sake of Christ. With God, the motive of the new heart is everything. The purpose in everything God does and the only right motive in things believers do is *“for Christ's sake.”* Notice, *we* are exhorted by this one motive, and likewise, *God* is moved by this one motive—*“Forgiving one another, even, as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.”*

One Reason for Forgiveness

The one great reason that we have forgiveness of our sins with God our Father is *“for Christ's sake.”* The very God we sinned against provided his own dear Son to suffer and lay down his life that the very God against whom we transgressed might be able to forgive us. God could not forgive us any other way than for his law to be executed upon us. (Eze 18: 4; 20) In order for God to save his people and be just, it must be a sacrifice who is God so that God might be just and the Justifier of his people. Amazing Love! Our great God and Father provided himself a Lamb in his own Son who died in the place of his people. (1 Jn 4: 9-11)

Righteousness on The Cross

Look at Calvary's cross and see perfect righteousness. *“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”* (Gal 5: 14) In Christ we see the only one who loved his neighbor as himself in perfect righteousness. Christ filled full the righteousness of the law in perfect love when he willingly gave himself to be separated from God in place of his people that God might righteously justify his people. Christ condescended to the furthest depths of shame to exalt God and his brethren to the highest heights of honor! Therefore, God has forgiven us in harmony with his righteousness—*“for Christ's sake.”*

Constrained by Love

Now God gives each his regenerate children this light and easy yoke: *“be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.”* He has put this one motive in our hearts: *“even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven you.”* It is not law that constrains believers but God's forgiveness *“for Christ's sake.”*

Believer, when you see what God has done for you for Christ's sake does it not give you a reverence for God above all others? Does it not take complete control of your inner man? Grace and love is a light and easy yoke because grace and love is a light and easy constraint!