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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: Ben M **Scripture Thurs:** Rob K

Nursery Today: Sarah K; Carol D **Nursery Thurs:** Debra K

BDays: Greg C—1st; Martha C—4th; Eric C—9th; Will C—14th; Chloe D—26th;
Lenore R—27th **Anniversary:** Eric and Michelle L—21st, Mike and Jamie L—23rd
May Cleaning: Doodnath Family

SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 11: 17: The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.



“If we narrow our preaching, if we narrow our instruction, if we narrow our religious exercises to nothing but Jesus Christ crucified it will not be a narrowing but a widening of our message.” *Pastor Don Fortner from the sermon “God Gave Them Up.”*



For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)

Many hear the Gospel of free grace in Christ preached and believe it not. The reason a man doesn't believe is because he does not have an ear of faith to hear the Savior's call and therefore will not to hear. But God's preachers are not ashamed of the Gospel and they don't quit preaching because of the ridicule and unbelief of the world. We have God's promise that His Word shall not return unto Him void (Is. 55:11). The sheep of God, in His appointed time, will hear. They will hear by the gift of faith, and shall follow Him, trusting Him alone for salvation. *Pastor Marvin Stalnaker*



Sin is a noun. It is what I am. Sin is a verb. It is what I do. Sin is an adjective. It describes me. Sin is an adverb. It describes what I do. Thank God for the promise of the gospel. — *“Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins”* (Matthew 1:21). *Pastor Todd Nibert*



We often learn more of God under the rod that strikes us, than under the staff that comforts us. *Stephen Charnock (1628-1680)*



**Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.—
Psalm 37:5.**

We are too apt to forget where we are, what we are called to, and whither we are going. When we take a survey of the present state of men and things; judge according to appearances in nature and sense, and see one event happen alike to all, we are ready to ask, What advantage then hath the Christian? or what profit is there to new-born, believing souls? Much every way. For unto them, chiefly, are committed the lively oracles of God. The bible is an epistle of love. The tender affections of our loving Father, the living and dying compassions of our elder brother Jesus, breathe in every page. Here we see the various conflicts and trials our former brethren in the flesh were exercised with; how they were supported under, and carried through all, safe to glory; and this, by the very same grace and power, is still our happy portion. They being dead, yet speak to us; to animate and encourage our hearts to be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. We see in them the inexplicable mysteries of providence unveiled, how out of the weakness of nature they were made strong in grace. It is the glory and excellency of believers to take their views, and form their judgment from God's truths; to oppose nature, sense, and feeling; to stand still and wait to see the salvation of God; to omit no appointed means, but to be diligent in the ways of God's institutions; quietly and patiently submitting every issue to his wisdom and goodness. This is the obedience of faith, and is attended with the patience of hope. It should [not] be otherwise, for it is the immutable decree of heaven: "*all things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*"—Rom. 8:28. Committing our way to God unburdens the mind; trusting our all to him, makes the heart quite easy; relying on him, to bring our concerns to pass, makes the spirit joyful. But when carnal reason is suffered to make its report, then with Jacob we cry, "*All these things are against us.*" Hence fainting and drooping come from fear, fear from doubting, doubting from unbelief, and unbelief chiefly prevails through ignorance and inattention to God's word of grace, his covenant love, precious promises, and solemn oath in Christ Jesus. Ever needful is this prayer of faith, "*Lord, increase our faith.*"—Luke 17:5.

How easy I live, How joyful I sing,
When I to my Lord My ways do commit!
I'm safe like a bird, Soar'd high, on the wing:
My Lord brings to pass All things he sees fit.

William Mason (1719-1791)



“How can we know whether we have gone, not only from ignorance to knowledge, but also from knowledge to submission? It is primarily revealed in this: we cease from establishing our own righteousness before God. We glory in nothing other than Christ's cross, soothe our conscience with nothing but His blood, and rest our hope for favor with God on nothing other than Christ's acceptance before the Father.

Pastor Joe Terrell



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE GOSPEL

A King who tries to save but can't because He loves but His love has no power, and a Jesus who dies "in some way" for all people, is not the God of the Bible. Any "Gospel" which at any point diminishes the deity of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and at any point conveys even a hint that He has not fulfilled all the OT promises, both in the saving of His bride and the just condemning of those who reject Him, is not the truth of the scriptures and is offensive to His Glory and entraps people in a delusion.

There is nowhere that the Gospel requires anything of human involvement-all we touch is sin, all we do is sin. We are saved and live by Grace. (1 Cor 4:7) What do you say about my Saviour? What do you say about my Husband? What do you say about my Redeemer? Needless controversy is an abomination which we should all hate but the Lord God our Father has his heart affection set upon His darling Son and He challenges all humanity everywhere "What about My Son?" That is why the Gospel is an issue worth suffering for, worth contending for, worth dying for. May God heal our lukewarmness. One issue matters to God- the Glory of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. What do the scriptures say of His Gospel? May God the Holy Spirit teach us all here the truth of the Gospel.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the Gospel. We proclaim Him.

Salvation is looking and coming. If you don't know Him then look and come. And we who believe live on His life: looking and coming, repenting and believing. His faithfulness and His life and His death and His resurrection and His exaltation are ours now and forever. *Pastor Angus Fisher, Shoalhaven Gospel Church, Nowra, New South Wales, Australia.*



FROM WHOM IS THE WORD OF GOD?

The Bible is the word of Holy God. "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God.*" (2 Tim 3: 16) No other religious book is the word of God. Some argue that the Bible are the words of men. God used men to pen the words of this book. But men wrote what the Spirit of God dictated to them. David said, "*The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me.*" (2 Sam 23: 2-3) The apostle Peter walked with God, spake to God face-to-face and was there when the Lord was transfigured and saw Christ in his glory. But Peter said, "*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*" (2 Pet 1: 19-21) One proof that the Bible is the word of God is the reaction this book creates a reaction in men. This book manifests what dominates a person's heart. "*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" (Heb 4: 12) The key to understanding this book, first, is to receive it as it is, the word of holy God.