

July 1, 2018

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: Greg C **Scripture Thurs:** Scott K

Nursery Today: Sarah K; Kristyn K **Nursery Thurs:** Christine K

BDays: Melinda C—5th; Jailey T—24th **July Cleaning:** Everyone pitch in to clean for conference. If you see something that needs done, do it! **Grass This Week:** Greg C

SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 11: 22: The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.



Our 11th Annual Summer Meeting is scheduled July 20-22. The speakers will be Pastor Don Fortner from Grace Baptist Church of Danville, KY; Pastor Mike Walker from Millsite Baptist Church in Cottageville, WV; and Pastor Gabe Stalnaker from Kingsport Sovereign Grace Church in Kingsport, TN. For more information on hotels go to our sermon audio page and click on events.



“Let me observe to you something relating to experience, which you would do well to lay up in your minds. It may be of use to you hereafter, when you may be tempted to doubt of your interest in Christ’s satisfaction. Have you any reason to believe that you have, at any time, had communion with God, in private or in public, in your closet, or in the family, or in the house of God, under any ordinance, either the ministry of the Word, or prayer, or the Supper of the Lord? Then you may be assured Christ has made satisfaction for you; or you would never have enjoyed such communion.”

Pastor John Gill (1697-1771)



Brother Scott Richardson once wrote, — “I defy anyone to find a solitary text of Scripture in the New Testament that uses the law to motivate, inspire, regulate, or even guide the believer. Believers are motivated by love, inspired by gratitude, regulated by grace, and guided by the Holy Spirit. The whole Word of God, the complete revelation of His will is our law. Our lives are governed by love, not by fear. We walk by faith, not by legislation. We walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh (Romans 8:9-14; Galatians 3:3).”



“That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:31)

What do believers glory in when they glory in the Lord? They glory in His holiness. (*Ex. 24:15-17*) They glory in His grace. (*Lev. 9:22,23*) And they glory in His mercy. (*2 Chron.7:1-3*)

What is the greatest display of the glory of the Lord’s holiness, grace, and mercy that the world has ever seen, and could ever know? The Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of calvary! Holiness demanded a sacrifice for sin. Grace provided one, and Mercy poured the Blood of that sacrifice all over the sinners that God chose to save!

“...God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (Gal. 6:14)
Pastor Gabe Stalnaker



CONTENT WITH THE LORD

I was just reading about Fanny Crosby. Although she was born blind, she never complained nor did she ever even regret being born that way. When she was eight years old she wrote these words:

Oh, what a happy soul am I!
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't;
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot, and I won't.

A preacher once said to Miss Crosby, “I think it is a great pity that the Master, when He showered so many gifts upon you, did not give you sight.” She answered right back, “Do you know that if at birth I had been able to make one petition to my Creator, it would have been that I should be born blind?” “Why?” The preacher asked. “Because when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior.” She replied. Fanny Crosby wrote a song entitled, “My Savior First of All.” It goes like this:

“When my life work is ended and I cross the swelling tide,
when the bright and glorious morning I shall see,
I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side,
and His smile will be the first to welcome me.
O the soul thrilling rapture when I view His blessed face
and the luster of His kindly beaming eye;
How my full heart will praise Him for the mercy, love and grace
that prepared for me a mansion in the sky.”

We often talk about being content in Christ and thank God for it. But for grace to be perfectly content with Christ and to be anxious about nothing else as long as we possess Him and this good hope of being with Him and like Him. -*Pastor Bruce Crabtree*

HOPE

Hebrews 6: 19: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; 20: Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hope is an earnest desire for an object, accompanied with the expectation of obtaining it. Spiritual hope includes that, but it also includes something natural hope does not. It includes the sure and steadfast assurance that we shall receive what we hope for. The object of the believer's hope is Christ. Our expectation is to be with Christ in glory in His perfect righteousness. The assurance of our hope is Christ, who himself is our Hope. Our hope is sure and steadfast because in and by Christ all God's covenant-promises are fulfilled for us, apart from our works.



THE LONG WAY

Exodus 13: 17: And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: 18: But God led the people about, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

Last week we considered how God often takes us the long way, although the way we want to go is near. But God does it to protect us from the evil. Not only that, God gave the children of Israel much more by taking them the long way through the wilderness of the Red Sea.

Recently, I checked the city codes then ordered a small, pre-built shed, paid for it and set a date for it to be delivered. Then the township informed me that I could not put it on my property due to an ordinance that forbids any new buildings within 150 feet from the creek that borders my property. It reminded me that when we bought our home ten years ago we were told we could not ever add-on because of that ordinance. I could not ever even add an extra bathroom. So for the past two months I have been back and forth with the township trying to get a permit for my shed. I had to contact the former owners. Then their real estate agent. Then my neighbors. All in an attempt to prove to the township that a shed was formerly on my property which was destroyed by a tree. But it was a dead end. I had to reschedule the delivery date three times. It was looking as if I had wasted my money on a shed. Then out of the blue, the township sent me a permit stating that the ordinance did not apply to my property.

So Monday, finally, my shed was delivered. As I stood admiring it, I thought about this passage from last Sunday. The Lord certainly took me the long way. But by doing so, not only did I get my shed, I got a written statement from the township which will now allow us to add on that extra bathroom. We would be amazed if we could see all the times in our lives that, by taking us the long way, God protects us from the evil and provides what we otherwise would not have, although the way we wanted to go was near.