

October 21, 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

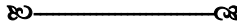
11:00 a.m. Service: Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* Hymn.

Scripture Today: Kevin D **Scripture Thurs:** Adam K

Nursery Sun: Sarah K; Christine K **Nursry Thurs:** Cheryl D

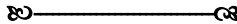
BDays: Joshua D—9th; Urmilla I—13th; Jacob I—16th; Jonathan D—21st; Ravi I—29th; **October Cleaning:** Cooper Family **Grass This Week:** Kevin D

ANNOUNCEMENT: MEN, WHEN YOU CUT THE GRASS NOW, BE SURE TO FIRST BLOW THE LEAVES INTO THE GRASS SO YOU CAN MULCH THEM WITH THE MOWER. WE ARE MAINLY MULCHING LEAVES THIS TIME OF YEAR SINCE THE GRASS IS GROWING SLOWER.



SUNDAY'S READING IN PROVERBS

Proverbs 12: 8: A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.



John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

There is a definite people the Lord has in view to save. The certainty of their salvation is secured in Christ. Christ did not fail and he cannot fail to save anyone for whom he died. *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost”* (Luke 19:10). Christ’s death reconciles us to God. The need for reconciliation is due to the enmity we are against God by our wicked, fallen nature. *“In Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive”* (1 Corinthians 15:22). The *“all”* from 1 Corinthians 15 is the same *“all”* in John 6:37. In Adam, all that the Father gave to Christ died in trespasses and sins along with all the seed of Adam. Even so, all that the Father gave Christ shall all be made alive in Christ. There are no ifs, ands or buts about it. All that the Father gave to Christ shall come to him. For he shall give them spiritual life and he shall call them and they shall come.

Some will argue that Christ died for all and it’s up to them to decide whether Christ’s blood and sacrifice will be made effectual for them or not. But this is not the language of scripture. Such a view is carnal and damns men and women to hell who hold such views unless God gives them repentance. This is so for the following reasons. They are calling Christ a failure. They are teaching that billions for whom Christ died are eternally dead and burning in hell under the wrath of God. They are calling into question the truth of God in such scriptures as John 6:37, which assures us that everyone God purposes to save he gave to Christ to save them. They are saying that man is ultimately the one who saves himself by his works. Because it’s the work of his will in making a decision to let Christ save him that is the determining factor whether a man is saved or not. But the Lord by the apostle Paul declares *“So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy”*

(Romans 9:16). It's God's choice, not man's choice. "...and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed" (Acts 13:48).

Man is so dead in sins and locked up in the bondage of a depraved will and blind heart that he will never come to the light of Christ. God therefore must deliver his people out of their spiritual death and darkness. It is true that a sinner must receive Christ and believe on him. But this is because it pleases God for them to know what God has done for them in his Son. God is pleased to glorify his Son in the hearts of his people. The scriptures teach that this receiving and believing is a work that God does for the sinner. Just look at the scriptures. This is what they teach. "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God*" (John 1:12-13). God gave them spiritual birth and the gift of faith to believe that the righteousness of Christ and the work he did on the cross is entirely sufficient to save them from all their sins. Anything God is pleased to do, he does, with or without our permission.

There is nothing more the sinner adds. Christ's blood has redeemed his people. His death justified his people, so that God now justly forgives their sins. And because they are saved by Christ, God is pleased to make known in their hearts what he has done for them in Christ. By God's power the sinner is brought to hear this gospel and believe this gospel. By faith, they understand and receive what Christ has done for them. "*But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth*" (2 Thessalonians 2:13). Paul is giving thanks to God for their faith. He does not thank the sinner for their faith. It is a gift of God (Eph 2:8, 1 Peter 1:3). All works necessary for salvation are worked in the sinner by the Holy Spirit. "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them*" (Ephesians 2:10).

A sinner's decision does not save sinners. Christ saves sinners. May God grant repentance to any sinner who trusts in their decision, or the giving of their heart to Jesus. May God show every sinner the evil of their hearts for trusting in the day they walked down an aisle to an altar to give their life to Jesus or believing their baptism or church membership saved them. Christ alone is the propitiation God has provided to save sinners. Saved sinners put all their hope and confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ. And saved sinners give God all the glory and praise for giving them life and faith to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Where is your confidence today? In your decision or in salvation God has provided in his Son, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world? "*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out*" (John 6:37).
Pastor Eric Lutter



FALSE CHRISTS

"If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders"
Matthew 24:23,24

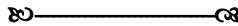
The vast majority of so-called 'Christian' religion in the world today is actually proclaiming 'false Christs'. It is not that they proclaim and interact with the true Christ

in a wrong way; their 'Christ' is actually false, exactly as the Lord Jesus Christ warned his disciples in Matthew 24. The question you should always ask of the those who try to persuade you to follow their 'Christ' is whether he is the Christ of the Bible. For example, is he a Christ who offers salvation to all without exception in the hope that they will exercise faith and believe him? That is a false Christ, an utterly impotent Christ when it comes to securing the eternal salvation of even one hell-deserving sinner. The Christ of scripture is the one who came to save his people from their sins (Matt1:21); they are the people, the elect of God, that the Father gave to Christ before the foundation of the world. He redeemed them alone, a multitude which no man can number and he accomplished his mission completely leaving nothing to the whim of human will.

Then ask if the 'Christ' they point to is one who is trying his best to make this world a better place if only people will learn to cooperate with each other. If he is, then he too is a false 'Christ' because the word of God declares clearly that God's purpose is to bring this present evil world to an end in judgment for sin and to bring in his glorious and unrivalled kingdom, the Kingdom of God, in which violated divine law and justice has been completely satisfied in the doing and dying of the Son of God as Substitute for God's elect; hence true believers are called to pray sincerely, "Thy Kingdom come!". Look at their methods, their programmes, their social objectives and ask whether these reflect the truth of scripture concerning the Christ of God. The salvation he has accomplished is certain; it depends in no way on human gimmicks to get people to 'follow' it. All that God requires of his true people is faithfully to declare what he has revealed of salvation accomplished for it is 'by the foolishness of preaching that it pleased God to save those who believe'. He, in sovereign grace, gives each and every one of the multitude he loved with 'everlasting love' a new nature and a new will to trust Christ and the salvation he has finished for them.

God calls his people simply to preach the Christ of scripture as faithfully as we can to the text of the Bible as we have it and leave the quickening, the calling, the regeneration of dead sinners to God's Holy Spirit.

Pastor Allan Jellett



WE REJOICE IN TRIBULATION

Romans 5: 3-11

After working his purpose in a trial, the love of God toward us fills our hearts by the Holy Ghost. By reminding us of our sin and God's keeping grace, God grows us in hope that "*if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*" The end purpose of the trial has come when God brings us to "*joy in God [himself] through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have now received the atonement.*" That is when God's love toward us is so magnified in our hearts that we even rejoice in the trial, itself. It is what Paul meant when he said, "*Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong*" (2Co 12:9-10). Brethren, some of you suffering serious trials have told me that you are not there yet. James said, "*Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*" Wait on the Lord because in the Lord's time, he never fails to give his child the full benefit for which he gave the trial.