

December 8, 2019

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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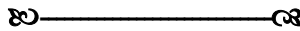
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15	am.	Bible	Class
11:00 a.m. Service:	Hymns * Scripture Reading	* Message*	Hymn.
Scripture Today:	Greg C	Scripture Thurs:	Ben M
Nursery Sun:	Emma C; Cheryl D	Nursery Thurs:	Kristyn K
BDays:	Cheryl D—3 rd ; Debbie D—17 th ; Anthony D--26 th ; Cyril R—30 th ;	December	
Cleaning:	B Moyer Family	Mulch Leaves:	Ben M

We are thankful to have Brother Scott Keller and Brother Rob Keller preaching the gospel to us this morning. I am in San Diego for Brother Kevin Thacker's ordination service. Pray for these men as they endeavor to preach the gospel of Christ's unsearchable riches.



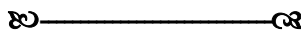
Proverbs 14: 9: Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.



EXPOSING AND SAVING RIGHTEOUSNESS

Genesis 37: 2:...Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

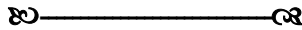
Joseph came among his brethren. His righteousness exposed their evil. They hated Joseph because of it. But when brought to Joseph's feet, the very righteousness that exposed their sin, for which they hated him, became the righteousness that saved them, for which that they loved him. The Son of God came among us. His righteousness exposed our best deeds as evil. We hated Christ for it. He said, "This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd" (Jn 3: 19-20; 7:7; 15: 22-24). But when brought to Christ's feet, the very Righteousness that exposed our sin, for which we hated Christ, became the Righteousness that saved us, for which we love him.



THE SON THE FATHER LOVES

Genesis 37: 3: Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

Joseph was the son Israel loved more than all his children. He was the son of his old age, the son of his wisdom. Therefore, Israel distinguished Joseph from all his sons. Christ Jesus is the Son that God the Father loves, God's Son from eternity, God's Wisdom (Pro 8: 22,23,30). God the Father distinguished Christ above all when he spoke from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him" (Matthew 17:5). From Adam until the end of time there is only one Son that God the Father ever said pleased him well. It is not you, not me nor any other sinner. It is Christ alone. You and I will never be pleasing to God except through faith in his Son.



HOW DOES THE GOSPEL AFFECT ME?

God ordained to save his people through the preaching of the gospel of Christ and him crucified. Through this message the Spirit of God gives a new heart to those Christ redeemed. Am I able to hear the gospel of Christ yet still have confidence that my doing will make me righteous? The new heart beholds the Lord Jesus's obedience, even while suffering the shameful death of the cross, and gives up all confidence that personal works will save or even contribute to my salvation. Do I hear the gospel yet look to my faith as the ultimate reason Christ's blood is effectual for me? The new heart hears of Christ's faithfulness and our faith becomes more and more narrow looking away from self and upon the Lord Jesus Christ alone. Can I hear of Christ's great love in laying down his life in incomparable suffering for his people then continue holding grudges, demanding payback from my offenders? The gospel of Christ's redeeming love breaks the new heart into contrition as we behold how Christ shed his precious blood for a worm like me, forgiving me so great a debt. How can I refuse love and forgiveness to one whose offenses toward me are not worthy to compare to mine against God? Selah. Through the gospel the Holy Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Yes, we are still sinners; yet, sin no longer dominates the heart where Christ is Master. *"But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work"* (Jas 3:14-16).



THINGS THAT PROMOTE PEACE

“Let us therefore follow after the things which promote peace, and things wherewith one may edify another” (Romans 14:19).

- 1.) Be careful to LOVE one another with a true heart. “Love covers a multitude of failures.”
- 2.) Avoid a spirit of ARGUMENT AND DEBATE. One may win an argument and lose a friend.
- 3.) Beware of JEALOUSY. Jealousy destroys happiness and builds suspicion.
- 4.) Beware of ENVY. Let us learn to rejoice in another’s gifts, blessings, and happiness. God gives as HE will!
- 5.) Do not MEDDLE in the private lives and domestic affairs of others.
- 6.) Guard against a TOUCHY TEMPER: “For every trifling thing to take offense Shows either great pride or little sense.”
- 7.) Learn to KEEP A CONFIDENCE. “He that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.”
- 8.) Strive to HEAL DIFFERENCES. “Blessed are the peacemakers.”
- 9.) Be always ready to FORGIVE ANYTHING. “Forgive us our sins AS we forgive those who sin against us.” *Pastor Henry T. Mahan (bulletin 1985)*



Concerning our pastor, Paul says, *“We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves” (1 Thess 5: 12).* In the beginning, God did not give kings to be over Israel, God gave them a prophet. How highly do we esteem the office of the President of the United States of America. God’s preacher is only a sinner saved by grace the same as his brethren. But God has given him the responsibility of speaking to eternity bound sinners on God’s behalf. God makes him labor for God’s message. He lives knowing that every word will bless or damn his hearers and that he must give account to God. The blessing and peace I receive from God is directly linked to how I esteem my pastor for the labor it takes for him to get a message from God specifically for me.