

March 1, 2020

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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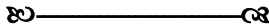
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15		am.		Bible		Class
11:00	a.m.	Service:	Hymns * Scripture	Reading * Message*	Hymn.	
Scripture	Today:	Art	D	Scripture	Thurs:	Steve Y
Nursery	Sun:	Sarah M;	Joyce M	Nursery	Thurs:	Debbie D
March	BDays:	Debra Lyn—6 th ;	Anniversary:	Greg and Martha C—31 st	March	
Cleaning:		Jeff and Joyce M				



Proverbs 14: 20: The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends.

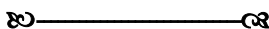


DRINK YE ALL OF IT!

Isaiah 25: 6: And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees,...wines on the lees well refined.

Normally, there were dregs in the bottom of a cup of wine. Dregs are yeast that died and settled on the bottom. Yeast represents sin. Dregs represent the wrath of God's justice upon the guilty. Christ drank that cup for his people. Therefore, to those Christ represented on the cross, *"Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even THE DREGS OF THE CUP OF MY FURY; thou shalt no more drink it again"* (Is 51: 22)

In its place Christ has provided each believer with *"wines on the lees, well-refined."* It is well-aged wine made very good because the lees/dregs have settled on the bottom. But it is "well-refined" meaning the lees/dregs have been filtered out. Usually men would leave the last bit of wine in the bottom of the cup because no one wanted to drink the lees/dregs. But Christ bore our sin away and satisfied justice toward his people, removing all the lees/dregs. Therefore, as he said to his apostles the night he instituted his table, Christ gives the cup of wine to every believer at his table, saying, *"This is the new testament in my blood. DRINK YE ALL OF IT!"* (Mt 26:27; Lu 22: 20).



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HAVE YOU GONE BACK FAR ENOUGH?

I once knew a young man that graduated from a Lutheran seminary. He told a group of men at a breakfast one morning that the “motto,” of his alma mater during his last year of attendance was, “Back to Luther, back to Luther.” Of course this referred to the popular protestant reformer known as Martin Luther. One of the older, wiser believers among the group of men kindly said in his slow Texas draw, “Son, you’ve not gone back far enough.” That’s a problem with many today.

There is no doubt that the Lord used Martin Luther. None can argue that John Calvin had five spiritually valid points. Charles Spurgeon was called the Prince of preachers, but Jesus Christ is the “Prince of Peace.” If your doctrine is not the “doctrine of Christ,” then you have not gone back far enough. (2 John 1:9-10) If you don’t go back to “before the foundation of the world,” (Eph. 1:4, Heb. 4:3, Heb. 9:26, 1 Pet. 1:20, Rev. 13:8, Rev. 17:8) where God the Father, with no influence apart from His own will and purpose, chose and gave a people to Christ to redeem, then you have not gone back far enough. If you don’t see that God, for the glory of His own great name’s sake, was pleased to make you (the ungodly) His perfect people in Christ, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, then you have not gone back far enough.

I have a friend that calls it, “The beginning before the beginning.” Our salvation began with God before time ever was. Before God ever said, “Let there be light,” He said, “Let there be Christ.” God gave His elect, His chosen, to His Son to redeem in the fullness of time. If you don’t go back to Christ, then you have not gone back far enough. The believer’s motto will forever be, “Back to Christ.” Day after day, it is “Back to Christ.” He died to put away my sins of yesterday and today, so it is “Back to Christ. When the evil of today comes and goes, tomorrow it will be, “Back to Christ.” He forever lives to make intercession for us, so it is “Back to Christ.” Only then have you gone back far enough.

Pastor David Eddmenson



RECEIVE AS CHRIST RECEIVED

Romans 15: 7: Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

A few verses later Paul says Christ received us in mercy. Believer, knowing that Christ received us in mercy thereby glorifying God, God admonishes us to receive one another in mercy that we might glorify God. Do we know how exceedingly sinful we are? It is only then that we will thank God for the riches of his mercy toward us.

In *everything* we have ever done the *only thing* we have ever done is sin against God. Perhaps a brother has offended me on occasion. We have offended God every moment of our lives. Think of someone who had murdered your child or even your entire family. That would be offensive. But it would not compare to how we have offended God. For one brother to offend another is offensive; the brother is wrong to offend. But for a sinner to offend *holy God!* No offense toward me from another sinner compares to my offenses toward God.

Yet, God had mercy on us, believer. God owed us nothing but condemnation, an eternity in hell. Yet, Mercy sent his only begotten Son to bear the condemnation we earned. God can withhold from us what we deserve because he gave Christ what, in himself, he did not. For a sinner to be merciful to another sinner is what we should do. But for God who is holy to be merciful to me the sinner! Amazing grace! When you hear those blessed words "*Christ hath received you; God hath received you*" do you see the glory of God's mercy in the face of your sin? Through the precious blood of God's only begotten Son "*where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.*"

Oh, I need mercy from God! There is not a moment that goes by that I do not need God's mercy because every moment of everyday I am sin and all I do is sin. Is this so of you? Do you need mercy from God? Has Christ received you in mercy? If so then let us no longer dishonor God by setting in judgment condemning our offending brethren. Let us glorify God by showing mercy to others who are sinners like ourselves. Someone objects, "But they have offended me, they don't deserve mercy!" That is what mercy is! "*Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.*"