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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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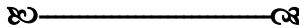
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“speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God” (Ja 1: 19-20).



CHRIST’S LOVE FOR US

Our Lord Jesus Christ vowed to God in the covenant of grace to love his bride everlastingly. When we trespassed in Adam, Christ loved us. When we came forth speaking lies, Christ loved us. All the days of our rebellion, Christ loved us. When we tried to resist his call, Christ loved us. Every day since, though we sin against him, Christ loves us. No sinner redeemed by Christ’s precious blood shall ever reach a point where God says, “You have sinned too much: no more mercy, no more forgiveness for you.” He continues to love us, continues to shower us in mercy, continues to forgive us without limit for the sake of Christ. This is one reason our merciful Lord Jesus teaches us to forgive one another without limit (Mt 18: 21-35). It is one reason Christ says, *“If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Mt 6:14-15).* Knowing how far our sins against God surpasses the sins of others against us and knowing how God unceasingly showers us in mercy and free forgiveness for Christ’s sake, nothing could be more reasonable. This is the love of Christ that constrains us to love one another by rejoicing in mercy rather than judgment.

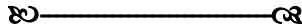


LIFELOCK

*“At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father,
and ye in me, and I in you.” John 14:20*

Recently I received an advertisement from a company called “LifeLock.” It is a company that provides security against “identity theft.” Identity theft has undoubtedly become a real issue and problem in today’s world. Crooks and thieves steal your identity and run up debt in your name. As I read over that advertisement, I was thinking how the Lord Jesus did that to His people in reverse. Without their permission, He assumed the believer’s identity. He stepped into their personal business, the business between them and God and He took their place. (1

Timothy 2:5) He took control of their account and made it His own. He didn't take control of their identity to add debt like a thief does. NO! He took control of the believer's account in order to pay the debt of sin that they had accumulated. He took my debt and paid it in full as a rich friend might do. O what a rich friend Christ is. He is rich in love, mercy, grace and forgiveness. How many friends do you have that would die to pay the debt you owe? Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow. Now, I have His perfect identity, and I am eternally life-locked to Him. *Pastor David Eddmenson*



WHEN A BROTHER DOESN'T ACT LIKE A BROTHER

Every child of God may pass through seasons where our sin-nature overcomes us. Though never without sin there are times when God permits our sin-nature to bring our inward man into captivity in a more obvious way. This captivity may involve some sin of immorality as king David was allowed to commit. It may involve an unforgiving, unmerciful spirit between brethren such as overcame Paul and Barnabas when they disagreed over Mark. A child of God may even go so far as to appear to deny the Lord as did the apostle Peter. But whatever the case, if we are truly a child of God, our great High Priest shall intercede for us so that our faith fails not. Eventually, God shall bring us to ourselves like the prodigal, so that we cry out to God and turn from ourselves. This is one of the ways that God continues to teach his child that we have no strength in ourselves to overcome our sin-nature. By this painful process God brings us to see a little more clearly how utterly dependent we are upon the Spirit of God to keep us from doing the things we otherwise would if left to ourselves. It is one of the ways God grows us in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ so that we rejoice in free justification and in God's preserving hand.

Therefore, knowing that God works in this way, if we behold a brother overcome, let us not doubt whether he be a child of God or not. Instead, let us be patient and wait on God. If he is God's child then he knows he is wrong; God is at work in his conscious. Therefore, let us not interfere by being unnecessarily harsh and judgmental. Instead, let us go to God on his behalf. Let the brother know that we are there for him, that we love him and that we want to help bear his burden. As God opens the door, point him to our great High Priest. Encourage him to

flee to Christ's throne of grace for help in his time of need. We can be sure that if the brother be God's elect, redeemed and regenerated by everlasting love, then God shall break his heart and bring him to Christ's feet in time. Then not only will our brother be thankful to God, he will also be thankful to us and love us with a sweeter love. In the end we shall find that it was not only for the profit of our brother but for ours as well—because once again we shall all find that God's grace is, indeed, sufficient.

