

June 14, 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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10:15	am.	Bible	Class
11:00	a.m. Service:	Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message*	Hymn.
Scripture Today: Greg C Scripture Thurs: Ben M			
June BDays: Carol D.—7th; Art D.—7th, Laxman I—23rd; AJ D—26th			
June Anniversaries: Laxman and Davika I—30th; Adam and Debra Lyn K.—8th			
June Cleaning: Kane Family Grass Cutting: John K			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Until further notice our online live broadcast begins each Sunday at 9am.
No Friday night bible classes until further notice.



Proverbs 14: 34: Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.



THREE REQUIRED THINGS

I travel to a foreign country preaching the gospel of Christ, at least once a year. I have crossed the borders of our nation north, south, east, and west many times. Whenever you leave this country and cross into another, three things are required.

- (1) You must have a birth certificate to prove your citizenship.
- (2) You must have a visa from the country receiving you.
- (3) You must have a clean record, no criminal record.

Soon I will leave this land of sorrow and sin. I hope to enter into the bliss and glory of heaven. I hope to stand forever accepted as a citizen of the New Jerusalem. Here is the basis of my hope.

- **I have a birth certificate.** The Lord God has given me a new nature (2 Corinthians 5:17). There is in me a new man, created of God in righteousness and true holiness.
- **I have a visa. I have a right to enter into heaven itself by the blood of Christ,** because I am washed in his blood and robed in his righteousness (Colossians 1:12). God says, *“It must be perfect to be*

accepted,” and in Christ I am perfect! He has made me perfectly righteous before God!

- **And I have a clear record.** The Lord Jesus Christ has purged away all my sins with his own precious blood. Therefore God will never charge me with any sin (Romans 4:8). When I stand before God and he searches the books for iniquity and sin under my name, He will find none. *Pastor Don Fortner*



BEING JUSTIFIED FREELY

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:24).

What does it mean to be justified? I am sure that there have been many definitions given and I by no means can fully expound all that is involved in sinners being justified before God. However, I am sure that it means to be eternally pardoned from all sin by the precious blood of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18). It means to be acquitted and vindicated of all charges before the holy justice of God (Jude 24). It means to be made and regarded righteous in God’s sight (Col. 1:21-22).

How are sinners justified? By God as the source, *"It is God that justifieth"* (Rom. 8:33). By grace as the spring and fountain, *"Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus"* (Rom.3:24). By Jesus Christ’s sacrifice and blood atonement as the ground, *"Being now justified by his blood we shall be saved from wrath through him"* (Rom. 5:9). By His resurrection as the proof and evidence, *"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification"* (Rom. 4:25). By faith as the means to receive this salvation in Christ, *"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God"* (Rom. 5:1).

Pastor Tom Harding



SO ACCOUNT OF US

1 Corinthians 4: 1: Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ.

The word “account” is the word translated “impute” in Romans 4:6-8. God made Paul and the other true ministers to be of the ministers of Christ. Therefore, Paul is not saying impute us to be the ministers of Christ and that will make us ministers of Christ. Nor is he saying impute us to be of the ministers of Christ though we are really not. He is saying impute us to be what God has made us to be.

Imputation is God reckoning someone to be what a prior act has made them to be.

Paul said, *“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God IMPUTETH righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not IMPUTE sin.”* When God imputes the righteousness of Christ to a believer God is accounting the believer to be what Christ has made him to be by Christ’s obedience unto the death of the cross in his room and stead. When God will not impute sin to us it is because Christ put the sins of his people away so that we have no sins to impute. Notice, *“Blessed are they whose iniquities ARE forgiven, and whose sins ARE covered.”*

God never imputes in order to make us something. Nor does God impute what we are not. God only imputes what a prior act has made us to be. When God imputed sin to us it is because by Adam’s disobedience we were made sinners. Likewise, when God imputes the righteousness of Christ to a believer it because by the obedience of Christ we were made the righteousness of God (Rom 5: 19). This is the *“blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works.”*



MINISTERS

1 Corinthians 4: 1: Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ.

What amazing grace! God has given us the privilege of being ministers of Christ. Ministers are servants. A minister is not the guest being exalted at the banquet table but the waiter doing the serving. We have not been made ministers to be ministered unto but to minister to one another.

In the days of wooden ships an “under-rower” was a servant in the lower part of the ship. He rowed wherever the captain of the ship put

him. Christ is our Captain. He appoints where we will serve in this “fellow-ship.” We have nothing to glory in because we row as Christ our Captain commands by the strength and grace Christ gives.

Christ’s church is the opposite of this world. This world considers great men to be those who are served. Christ says to be the greatest in his kingdom is to be a servant. Do you want to be great in Christ’s kingdom? Christ says then serve. *“Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Mt 20: 26-28).*

Christ is the greatest in his kingdom because no one ever served to the extent Christ served his people. Let us follow our Savior who was so willing to save sinners like us that he served by laying down his life as a ransom for many.