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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

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| Sunday: 10:15 AM | Bible Class |
| 11:00 AM | Morning Service |
| Thursday: 7:30 PM | Mid-week Service |

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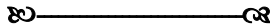
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| 10:15 | am. | Bible | Class |
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| 11:00 | a.m. Service: | Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* | Hymn. |
| Scripture Today: | Ravi D | Scripture | Thurs: Rob K |
| Nursery Today: | Carol D; Kristyn K | Nursery | Thurs: Debra K |
| D'Armiento Family | | Grass Cutting: | Ravi D |

Proverbs 15: 4: A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.



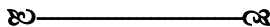
Henry Law said, "Forgiveness gloriously shines in the splendor of completeness."



LOSING A SENSE OF NEED

The lukewarm state of the church of Laodicea nauseated Christ. And what is this state of lukewarmness? They lost their sense of need! "Thou sayest I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Rev. 3:17).

A sense of need is essential in walking with Christ. "He healed them that had need of healing." "The whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." Ten times, David, the man after God's own heart, described himself as "poor and needy." The only way I can hear the Gospel is as poor and needy. When that leaves, I start to analyze, see if I agree, and critique. The doctrine of the Gospel loses its sweetness. It is one thing to know the meaning of election. It is another thing to need it! It is one thing to understand justification. It is another to need to be justified. May the Lord keep us poor and needy! *Pastor Todd Nibert*



The Happy Truth of Humility

In Christ there is no great and small, no important and unimportant, but only sinners saved by the grace of God. We are all brethren! The servant is not greater than his Lord; and if the Lord humbled himself to become a servant, shall we not do likewise? Happy are those who know this gracious truth by experience and perform the doing of it. *Henry Mahan*

JESUS CHRIST SHALL NOT FAIL

Isaiah 42:4

In *Isaiah 42:4* we read of a most glorious truth about our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, *"He shall not fail nor be discouraged."* As God's Servant and Christ He came into this world to do the will of God. He said, *"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work"* (*Jn. 4:24*). Of this we can be certain, that everything the Father sent the Son to accomplish, He fulfilled it to the exact will, purpose and delight of God Almighty. It is recorded in verse 21 of this same chapter, *"The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honorable.."* The Lord Jesus was the delight of the Father in eternity (*Prov. 8: 22-30*). And when He was manifested in the flesh in time, Jesus Christ pleased the Father, *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"* (*Matt. 3:17*).

The exact opposite is true of man, from the beginning he has been a failure. Adam, even in his perfect environment that God had placed him in failed. All of Adam's race has inherited from the first man, a fallen and depraved nature that cannot produce anything before God but failure and sin (*Rom. 5:12*). God has said of us, *"Verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity"* (*Psa. 3 9:5*); *"For there is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good, and sinneth not"* (*Eccl. 7:20*).

This should give every sinner great incentive and inspiration to look to the Christ of God that cannot fail and trust Him for all things in salvation. The sinner needs righteousness, Jesus Christ did not fail to produce righteousness for us (*Rom. 10:4*). We need redemption from all our sin, Jesus Christ with His own blood redeemed us from the curse of the law (*Gal. 3:13; Heb. 9:12*). We need salvation, He saved His people with an everlasting salvation (*Isa. 45:17*). We need to be justified, Jesus Christ justified us through His blood (*Rom. 5:9*). In every aspect of our salvation, Jesus Christ as our Mediator and Substitute did not fail to honor God's holy justice in securing our salvation.

Therefore, we can rightly conclude, that those for whom Jesus Christ lived and died as Representative and Advocate cannot perish (*John 6:37-40*). Because He lives we live (*John 14:19*). Because He did not fail as our Substitute to please and satisfy God (*Psa. 85: 10*), we did not fail being in Him (*Gal. 2:20*). This causes the believer to bow in humble adoration and say, Lord, how great Thou art. We give thanks unto God that did not leave us to our own miserable failures, but revealed unto us, the Lord Jesus Christ who did not and will never fail. He performed all things in salvation for us (*Psa. 57:2*). *Pastor Donnie Bell*

THE CAUSE

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” - Acts 2:42

If we have true fellowship with one another, it is because we worship the true and living God together (1 John 1:3). If we truly break bread together, it is because we are made of the same bread and body (1 Cor 10:17). If we truly pray together, it is because Christ has made us of one accord (Acts 1:14).

It is a great privilege for brethren to worship together, talk to one another about our Master, observe the Lords Table together, eat together, and pray together. May we always be reminded of the cause of all our *“spiritual blessings in heavenly places, IN CHRIST”*.

Pastor Kevin Thacker



FAITHFUL AND LOVING CORRECTION

1 Corinthians 4: 14: I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. 15: For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Paul wrote this to warn believers who God had begotten again through his preaching. He had far too much reverence for Christ and too much love for them to be anything but merciful. Christ has borne our judgment. So to build again that middle wall of partition (using the whip of the law) was not Paul's way, *“For If I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor”* (Gal 2: 18). Paul remembered what a sinner he still was and how that Christ receiveth sinners and never forsakes us. Therefore, when these brethren were in a fault, he considered himself so as not to be overtaken in the worse fault of self-righteousness. As a father he lovingly warned them but did not separate from them; he restored them to Christ to build them up in faith, not tear them down by exposing their sins. In other words, Paul loved them.

If we have tasted the Lord's grace and know ourselves to be the chief of sinners, let us faithfully love and correct one another, rejoicing in mercy, the same as we would want to be treated.